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Ministers accused of delaying information

LIZ HUNT Health Editor

Health ministers were under pressure last night to explain why they delayed telling the public that a blood test for the Aids virus was faulty, and that people who have tested negative could be infected with HIV.

Up to 40,000 blood samples are to be refested and hundreds of people are now facing an anxious Bank Holiday, after the De-partment of Health confirmed that the IMX HIVI/HIV2 antibody test, used in some NHS laboratories since September 1995, was not reliable.

Aids charities, hospitals, and helplines are heing swamped with calls but can do little to re-HIV test hetween September and March to use condoms during sex, and to go for retesting as soon as possible.

The IMX test is also available throughout Europe, South America and Asia, posing huge problems for Ahhott Laboratories, the Chicago-hased manufacturer, which halted distribution of the test on 25 March.

Doctors say that only 1 per cent of the 60,000 HIV tests carried out annually are positive. and that the vast majority of people tested with the faulty kits will be reconfirmed as negative. reliability when he used it on a patient he knew to have full-

The Department of Health hao known of problems with the IMX test, one of several used in the NHS, since last week, but said it wanted to delay the announcement until next Tuesday. when plans for retesting blood were in place, and Aids charities had been briefed.

Instead. Aids workers say they have been left to deal with thousands of worried people, unable to get medical advice because most clinics are closed for

Harriet Harman, Labour's health spokeswoman, said that the Easter Bank Holiday had exacerbated the crisis for many. "It is unfortunate that the Department of Health did not notify people as soon as they got the information, rather than wait for a public holiday."

Susie Parsons, executive director of London Lighthouse. Europe's higgest HIV centre, where extra staff were brought in yesterday to man the switch-

hoards, said lack of formal

guidance from the Government

had hindered its work. "We understand that the manufacturers of this test suspended it on 25 March, which is quite some time ago, and we nad to read about it in the press this morning. We have been trying to get through to the Department of Health all morning to help the people who are calling us, but unfortunately the lines are just blocked."

Dr Graham Winyard, deputy chief medical officer, said be "deeply regretted" the anxiety caused by the premature announcement. He advised people to make use of belplines assure people at present. The over the weekend, adding: "The Terrence Higgins Trust is ad- samples are already being testvast majority that have tested negative will still be negative.

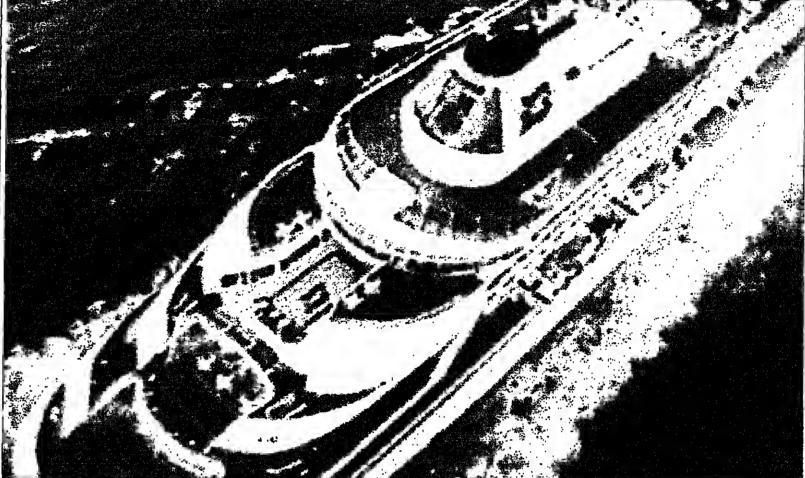
A letter sent on 29 March by Abhott Laboratories in Maidenhead, Berkshire, to laboratories which use the test, is believed to have been the source of the leak. A spokesman for Ahbott Lahoratories in Chicago said vesterday that the company had been alerted to a potential problem in late March when European lahoratories reported inaccurate results with the test. A doctor in Portsmouth was among the first to query its

blown Aids, and the result was negative. Professor Jangu Banatvala, of the clinical virology unit at St Thomas' Hospital, London. where 5,000 samples are already being re-tested, said that only people with a very high number of HIV antibodies were at risk of testing negative instead of positive with the IMX test. Antibody status may be related to the stage of infection, with peo-

Aids being most likely to fit this Nick Partridge, chief executive of the Terrence Higgins Trust, said anybody who was wrongly tested as negative might he able to sue Abbott Laboratories.

A spokesman for one of the London clinics which carried out the tests, at St Mary's Hospital, Praed Streetsaid: "We expect the retesting to take about one month."

Abrupt end for cruise of a lifetime as ship runs into reef



Liner accident may sink Cunard

The future of the Cunard shipone of its most fuxurious imers limped into port, ending the holiday-of-a-lifetime dreams of more than 500 passengers.

As an investigation was launched into why the 37,845-tonne Royal Viking Sun was holed after hitting a reef in the Red Sea, the company was making arrangements for the swift return home of those who had paid more than £21,000 for

the 114-day world cruise. Cunard tried desperately to limit the public relations disaster which beset its ill-fated cruise from hell in December 1994 when the OE2 sailed from Southampton to New York with a refurbishment incomplete. Then, Cunard managers ac-

But the accident was unfortunate timing for the cruise controlled the rescue, said line, coming only nours after the announcement that a £904m offer from the Norwegian company Kvaerner for Cunard's parent company Trafalgar House had been accepted by shareholders. Cunard is thought likely to be put on the market by its new owners.

No one was injured in the collision in the Strait of Tiran on Thursday, although a 73-yearold man suffering from kidney problems was airlifted to hospital for treatment.

But emergency procedures were instigated as the ship began taking on water and listing. Passengers and the 450 crew were forced to don life-jackets and go to lifeboat stations.

An operator at the international control centre in Sta-Norway, which

vanger. engine power was lost after the collision and pumps were used to expel the water and put the ship back on an even keel. It must have been rather frightening for a time," he said. The ship was towed to safe-

ty in the Egyptian port of Sharm el Sbeikh. A newly-finished Marriott hotel in Sharm el Sheikh opened three days early to take more than 100 of the evacuees. Other luxury hotels, both in the port and in Cairo, were on standby to receive the passengers, of whom 54 were British, 350 American, 70 German and 27 from Asian

Pacific countries. Details were being finalised last night for their return to Eu-

rope today, where the Americans will make connecting flights home.

The Royal Viking Sun, rated the number one cruise liner in the world by the Berlitz travel guide, has luxury facilities including cahins with whirlpools. gold and mahogany fittings, theatres, spas, hutler service and

a computerised golf course. Prices for the cruise, which began in Florida on 6 January and was due to take in 36 ports including Bangkok, Mombasa, Fiji and the Seychelles, started at £21,435. But the accident will do noth-

ing to restore confidence in Cunard, coming after the QE. déhàcle and an on-board fire earlier this year which forced another of its ships, the Sagafjord.

out of service. It comes as some sectors of

the maritime industry warn of falling safety standards because of allegedly intense pressure from the shipping companies on the international regulators hody, the International Mar-

itime Organisation. But Walter Welch, of the Chamber of Shipping in London, said he was confident that safety procedures would be shown to have worked well with the Cunard liner.

"Big passenger ships are at sea every day carrying thousands of passengers and we rarely have a casualty," he said. Ill-fated jnurney page 3

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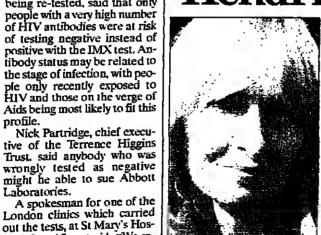
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Hendrix girlfriend found dead



Monika Danneman, a former girlfriend of rock legend Jimi Hendrix, who only three days ago was found guilty of con-tempt in the High Court, was yesterday found dead in a fumefilled car near her Sussex home.

The apparent suicide of the German-born artist at her home in Seaford, Sussex, follows the court action brought by Kathy Etchingham, another of the rock star's girlfriends. Police discovered the hody just before It was in Miss Danneman's

London flat that Hendrix was found dead from a drugs overdose in 1970. They met in Ger-

many in 1968 when Miss Danneman, then an iceskating champion, saw Hendrix at a

The court case was the latest episode in a long running feud between the two women. It was brought because Miss Dan-neman, 48, had breached an undertaking that she would never repeat an allegation that Mrs Etchingham was an "inveterate liar" about her life and relationship with Hendrix. Mrs Etchingham, 49, now a doctor's wife with two teenage sons, had a 30-month relationship with Hendrix in the 1960s.

Mr Justice French said no public interest would he served by committing Miss Danneman to prison for contempt, or by making her pay damages after hearing she was in poor health and had little money. The judge was given medical reports about the state of both her phys-

Jimi Hendrix, to coincide with the 25th anniversary of Hendrix's death. She claimed she had been engaged to Hendrix, though this was disputed. Miss Danneman had lost an

earlier libel action when she was ordered to pay £1,000 damages and costs after libelling Mrs Etchingham. She repeated the allegations in the hook. Worshipping Hendrix, page 3

ical and mental health. In 1995 Miss Danneman published The Inner World of Water, water everywhere – and a drop to drink

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take place next week. Page 8

ROS WYNNE-JONES

Lancashire fisherman found themselves in the drink yesterday as they re-enacted scenes from the Ealing comedy Whisky Gulore and pursued a liquid cargo that was lost six months ago but has surfaced in the Irish Sea

Bottles of Scotch were selling for as little as £5 in the port of Fleetwood as the local population took to their boats in search of an alcoholic catch.

The conversation round here is What bottles have you caught today?', not 'What fish

Control office. "It's not very good stuff, though, so I'm told." The alcoholic cargo, worth £50,000, was lost from the rollon roll-off vessel Spheroid when a 26-ton container went over-

Monkia Danneman: 'Suicide

after court defeat

Point, in Cumbria. It was thought the whisky had sunk 15 fathoms below the sea. but locals say the container has broken open and currents are dragging thousands of bottles along the seabed.

board in October, off Drigg

"The company knew where the cargo was lost, but they were keeping it a secret and noping have you caught?'. said a to send a salvage team to it. spokesman for the Harbour said Ged Lynch, senior watch

officer at Liverpool Coastguard. The locals might have beaten them to it."

The coastguard received calls all day yesterday from would-be salvagers checking weather conditions before heading out to sea in the bope of a liquid catch. Fleetwood Police said no of-

fence was being committed, but after local radio reports that Customs and Excise officials were taking a keen interest in the matter, silence fell over Fleetwood. "I've got a terrible headache," said one skipper. "I'm told the whisky is a fine hlend, but the salt's got to it. I haven't bad any myself. You

won't find a skipper in Fleetwood who's touched a drop." He said scenes at the port re-

called Whisky Galore, a 1940's Ealing comedy hased on the true story of the plundering of the SS Politician, which went down off the Scottisb island of Barra with a cargo of Scotch. In 1990, a salvage operation was launched to rescue the underwater-matured blend.

A local poet lamented the loss of the Scotch with "The Quest For The Celtic Spirit": "With sadness we learned of the Spheroid's message It reminded us of that ancient

Worse things happen at sea What could be worse than to

lose all that whisky. The poem in the Liverpool coastguard's newsletter, ends: "Any coastguard that's worth his

Is panial to a nip of Irish Malt So on pairol at weekends we go If anything's found, you'll be the last to know.



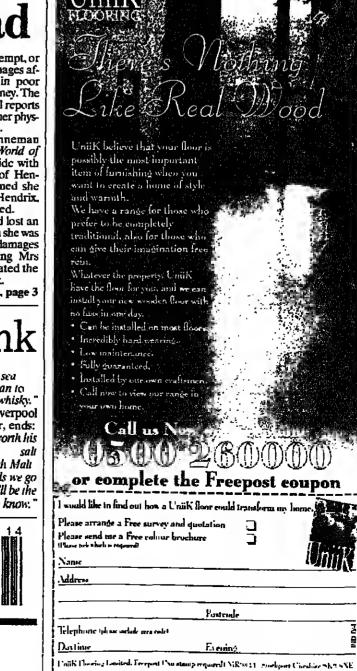
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spying in Eritrea were released yesterday after finally convincing the authorities of their innocence. Peter Billing, 64, and his wife Shirley, 61, of Wokingham, Berkshire, left Britain in 1983 for a round-the-world yacht voyage. They were arrested at gunpoint on board their 35ft ketch Clypaeus on 19 March and taken to a military camp where they were held in a hut and feared that they might be executed. They were then flown to the capital, Asmara, where they were detained in a hotel, but yesterday the Eritrean government told them they were free to leave.

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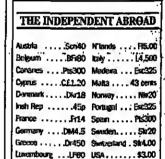
Lawvers are to demand tougher sentences for three 19-year-olds who went on a drunken rampage in which a church caretaker, who died 10 days later, was beaten and kicked in an unprovoked attack. The Crown Prosecution Service confirmed that it had referred the case to Attorney General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, who can ask Appeal Court judges to review the sentences from Cardiff. Crown Court. Former Cardiff High School pupils Andrew Groom and David Vodden were sent to a young offenders' centre for two years, David Willey for 18 months.

Airport rescue

A woman and her three small children were being cared for by social services officials after a cry for help at an airport. They were about to board a flight to Pakistan from Manchester airport on Thursday when the woman passed a note to a security guard claiming she and her children were being forced to leave Britain by her husband who intended to divorce her in Pakistan,

Rare serpent seen

A hlack adder, one of Britain's rarest reptiles, has been spotted basking in the spring warmth of a Dorset heath by Paul Morton, 13, and Matthew Sharpe, 12, both of Poole. Colin Fitzsimmons, of the British Herpetological Society, said that although the adder, Britain's only venomous snake, is widespread, it is the first time he has seen a black one in the wild in over 20 years.



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France has ordered the immediate withdrawal from sale of offal from cows born before August 1991, a measure that for the first time casts doubt on the soundness of its beef cattle. The ban, which covers the spinal cord, brain and sweethread hut not liver or kidneys, was contained in a statement by the Agriculture Ministry and cited advice from World Health Organisation specialists after their meeting in Geneva this week.

The ban reportedly reflects the slight possibility that French cows born before 1991 might have been given British feed containing parts from infected animals. Commentators say this is one interpretation of the WHO advice and the most conservative. Another would be that the animal parts specified may transmit the infection from one generation to the next and that all offal of this type should be withdrawn until the infection is eliminated.

Even the more conservative interpretation infuriated French specialist offal wholesalers and hutchers, whose trade was already suffering from the pan-European BSE scare. They said most offal sold in France wasand expressed fears that all of

it would now be shunned. The beef market has slumped disastrously in the past week and consumers have been thoroughly confused by mixed signals from the authorities. On one hand. France was the first to han British beef imports and distinguished hetween French and British farming methods and sanitation. On the other, two beef herds in Brittany were slaughtered within days of the

have BSE, and now certain

Meanwhile, the threat of a British anti-EU backlash over its heef ban grew after Klaus Kinkel, Germany's Foreign Minister, said the £500m-ayear compensation for farmers hit by the BSE scare would have to he paid out of Britain's European rebate. The Treasury could thus lose £3hn over the six years the culling programme is to run, leaving Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, with a hole in his finances for his tax-cutting Budget in autumn.

Britain has paid reduced EU contributions since 1992 and compensation for the crisis would be offset against the rebate, Mr Kinkel said yesterday. "That is what agreements on contributions say: all payments by the Community which would further reduce the British net contribution have to be taken

Yesterday Sir James Spicer, Tory MP for Dorset West, said McDonald's, Wimpey and Burger King outlets should be picketed for using imported beef. Farmers condemned the burger chains for switching after taking out advertisements to

into account."

say British heef was safe. Sir James said he would be happy to picket McDonald's himself, and criticised the Confrom much younger animals sumers' Association for warning of the "unquantifiable risk"

of eating British beef. Signs are growing that consumers are regaining confidence in British beef as stores reported increased sales despite the end of last week's special offers. But some retailers reported a shortage because of the slowdown in slaughtering. Sales hegan to recover last weekend as supermarkets cut prices, led by Sainshury's, which

introduced a half-price offer. Letters, page 18



Bishops speak out against 'secular' Easter

ANDREW BROWN Religious Affairs Correspondent

Two hishops yesterday protested against the secularisation of Good Friday and the Archhishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, described it as

a challenge to the Church". The Bishop of Coventry, the Rt. Rev. Simon. Barrington. the city council to treat Good the meaning of Easter is this are just a matter of council's crematorium to open

Friday as a normal working day, which employees could only take off as holiday. "It has to be easy for Christians to say they want to go to church and this is hard to do in the present culture," he said.

And the Bishop of Birmingham, Dr Mark Santer, said: "Jesus walked to the cross through crowds who jeered and laughed largely ignored, we are sharing individual choice" said Dr Santhe experience of Jesus's own

"This is still a majority Christian country and for Christians. In Coventry, the the city Good Friday is one of the most council defended its decision solemn days in the whole of the year. It actually hurts me to see the world not noticing and

keeping it as a solemn day. - People have got to get away year. Particular controversy was

on Good Friday for the first ter. "There has to he some sort time, which forced priests to of commercial and corporate violate tradition and conduct 16 decision to make an effort."

to make Good Friday a normal working day as part of a package of cuts agreed with the unions to save the city £2m a

funerals on the day when Jesus

Monday evening, when people

ings to the Continent were op-

erating at almost full capacity.

More than 80,000 people are ex-

pected to have travelled through

the Channel tunnel by the end

of the bank holiday, more than

double the number that took the

Eurostar train last Easter.

Eurotunnel and ferry cross-

start to return home."

Gary Marshall, the council's head of bereavement services, said: "By being open on Good Friday, 16 bereaved families who lost relatives this week will be able to enjoy Easter with-Ward, criticised the decision of at him. So nowadays if we find from the idea that things like caused by the decision of the out the worry of a funeral next

Three die in crash as holiday getaway begins

Two children and an adult died in a car crash in Sussex yesterday as thousands headed for the roads in the traditional Easter getaway. The accident involved a van and a car travelling in op-

Both children, who were passengers in the car, were taken to Crawley hospital where they were pronounced dead, along with one adult. Two occupants of the van were treated in hospital for minor injuries.

After a quiet start, the usual hank holiday conditions on roads across Britain soon huilt up. By lunchtime, if all the tail-

posite directions on the A24. backs from around the country had been combined they would have stretched more than 200

> Channel tunnel and ferry operators reported an increase in the number of people heading for the continent. Airports were also anticipating a rise in passengers jetting off to warmer spots and ski resorts.

For those staying in Britain

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there will not be much sunshine hut it should remain dry with temperatures between 50 to 54F, average for the time of year.

AA Roadwatch said traffic on the M6 northbound was especially heavy because of daytrippers heading to popular holiday destinations. Worst hit were sections near the Lake District and Blackpool.

A spokesman said: "Things

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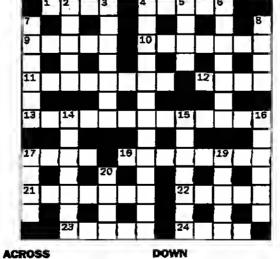
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A young clown faces up to his first taste of the circus

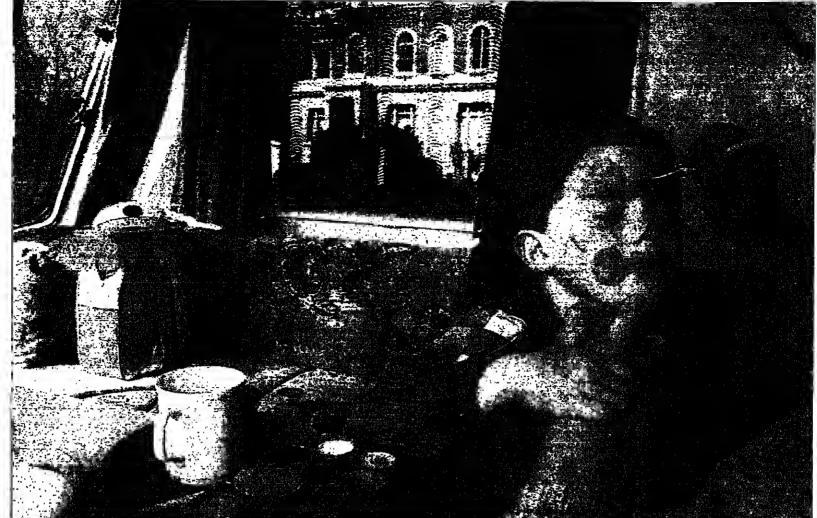
Spy Britons freed in Eriber

> Garth Ellis, 7, being made np by his mother Kath in the build-up to his first public appearance as a clown. Garth first went in a circus when he was three and became captivated by the idea of appearing in the ring. Tonigh: Le will make his

debut with Zippo's circus in Islington, north London, in the company of Zippo the clown, Stiffy and Tweedy, and

Zippo's, which describes itself as Europe's largest alluman circus, featuring 12 acrobats, will also be presenting horses for the first time in its 10-year history, featur-

Photograph: Geraint Lewis



On the rocks: Expensive embarrassment may seal fate of company struggling to recover credibility

Cunard image sinking fast after accident

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

The future ownership of Cunard was thrown into doubt by the holing of the Royal Viking Sun, only hours after the cruise line's parent company. Trafalgar House, had been acquired by Kvaerner, a Norwegian engi-

nearing and shipping combine.
The timing of the accident could hardly have been worse for Kynerner, which announced on Thursday morning that its Royal Viking Sun to a port for out. He was staggered by what £904m offer for Trafalgar House had been accepted by an overwhelming majority of its target's shareholders. The deal is now subject only to regulatory approval.

Kvaerner, which said yesterday it saw no reason for the deal to be jeopardised by the accident, has made no secret of its desire to sell on Cunard to recoup some of the cost of buying Trafalgar House. The Norwegian group has no interest in the engineering and construction company's non-core trophy assets, which until recently also included the Ritz hotel in London.

The accident raised questions about the ongoing value of Cunard, which bas a price tag in Trafalgar House's accounts of £294m. That figure itself represented a hig fall from a year earlier after a heavy writedown in its value was imposed

"cruise from hell" in December 1994 when a bungled refit led to hundreds of passengers making successful claims for compensation.

Yesterday a spokesman for Cunard said it was too early to tell how much the latest disaster would cost the company. At this stage there are too many variables such as the cost of chartering evacuation aircraft at short notice and towing the

As well as the immediate cost, however, Thursday's accident represents a poor advertisement ahead of the proposed sale of Cunard's ageing fleet. Potential huyers, such as Britain's P&O, owner of Princess Cruises, and big rivals Royal Caribbean Cruises, Carnival Corporation and Disney. are already sceptical about the economic sense of buying old-

Modern cruise liners are more fuel-efficient, cheaper to run and gain more revenue from hetter on-board entertainment packages. Some ob-servers think Cunard might have to spend \$1bn to bring its fleet up to scratch.

This latest high-profile accident is a commercial disaster for Cunard. Not only will it now face unquantifiable repair and compensation payments, its

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poor relation is confirmed.

When a firm of consultants wake of the 1994 fiasco, it described it as "the worst-managed company we have ever looked at". It was a damning assessment of a fleet that included the QE2 and prided itself on unrivalled service.

A year ago a new chief executive, Peter Ward, was parachuted in to sort the company be found: "There weren't even any husiness plans. There were two dozen different ways of

making every decision.' The consultancy. Arthur D Little, sent staff to four Cunard offices in Sydney, London, Hong Kong and New York. All of them bought a ticket for the same berth on the same day and ship. Last year Cunard lost £16.4m and at least two more vears of losses are forecast.

Cunard has suffered a number of embarrassing incidents at sea in recent years. Last month the MV Sagafford drifted for four days in the South China Sea after an engine-room fire knocked out its power. While less widely reported than the QE2 fiasco, which cost £7.5m in refunds and travel credits, it was a major setback to Cunard's attempts to rehuild its tarnished image. The Royal Viking may have scuppered them for good.



Seasick: work going on during the QE2's 'cruise to Hell' in

Journey into troubled waters

Cunard, a name synonymous with luxury ocean-going cruise liners for 150 years, has run into troubled waters in recent years.

It lost £16.5m last year and chief executive Peter Ward: brought In to turn it around, said it was unlikely to break even until 1998. In March the Norwegian Kvaemer group bid £904m for Cunard's. perent, Trafalgar House, sparking speculation that the company and could be put up for sale.

could be put up for sale.

If n February its cruise liner Sagafjord became becamed in the South. China Sea carrying 500 passengers. It was towed to the Philippines after a fire in the generator room. It is to be withdrawn from service. Last year Southampton officials condemned food hygiene on board the QE2 and threatened legal action after inspecting its Queen's Grill. ■Consert paid £7.5m to mutinous QE2 passengers after a trip dubbed, the "cruise to Hell", in December 1994. It sailed before a £30m refit was completed, leading to complaints of "exploding tollets" and

debris-strewn decks.

■ US coastguards accused Cunard of risking passengers lives and said the ship should never have been allowed to set sail. They blocked its departure from New York while essential repairs were done.

Plans for a another £15m QE2 refit were announced this week. I in 1993 Curiard was fined £1,000 and told to pay £120 after complaints that a cruise advertised as a "two-day" trip lasted only 38 hours: The QE2 grounded in 1992 after striking an "uncharted" object off stern US. Millions of pounds were lost while repairs took the

Budget deals give boost to cruise industry

that took off from Gatwick last night to join an Airtours ship in Tenerife have little in common with the people evacuated from the stricken Royal Viking Sun. But each end of the cruise spectrum, from hudget to "fivestar plus" luxury, provides evidence of the boom in cruising over the past year.

While mainstream packag summer holidays from Britain continue to suffer from bookings below tour operators' worst expectations, the cruise business last year expanded by more than 25 per cent in passenger numbers to over 350,000. One reason is the entry of Airtours to the market, bringing lowprice, high-volume expertise to a sector which had previously been the preserve of the wealthy.

Lancashire-hased Airtours began cruises in the Mediterranean a year ago. Despite some initial hiccups such as the on-board heer running dry, its operation has been a success. Those Airtours passengers visiting the Canaries and Morocco over Easter have paid £479 each, compared with £21,500 for a world cruise on Royal Viking Sun. A much larger company, the US-based Carnival Cruise Line, has now taken a substantial holding in Airtours.

Britain's biggest tour operator, Thomson, is about to enter the cruise market with a programme mirroring Airtours' approach in Europe. The Disney Corporation has moved in

It is currently huilding two mega-liners in Italy, which will he based in Florida. British holidaymakers are to be offered "stay and cruise" holidays split hetween Walt Disney World and a Caribbean voyage.

The more established shipping lines say they welcome the new entrants, since awareness of cruising is stimulated. Both P&O Cruises and Fred Olsen Line report strong sales. It is against this background that Cunard last year lost £16.4m.

The route of the Royal Viking Sun's ill-fated journey

Tragic end for the woman who worshipped Hendrix

JAMES CUSICK and NICOLE VEASH

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On any corner of Greenwich Village in New York or Tele-graph Avenne in Berkeley, California, strains of the Sixties can usually be heard, performed by an ageing hippy and his guitar. More often than not the song is Bob Dylan's "The Times They Are A Changing." But for Monika Danneman, the arcbetypal rock chick and one time girlfriend of guitar legend Jimi Hendrix, time just never did

In the undefined mid-1990s. with youth culture struggling for an identity, the retro-fashion of the decade of Timothy Leary and the Beatles, youth protest and freedom, looks appealing.

Then Jimi Hendrix was the resident atonal, psychedelic freak; a hlack musician become rock hero. Eric Clapton, for some, was his white equivalent.



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but with one crucial difference. Eric is still alive and ageing. Now both Hendrix and his final girlfriend are gone.

Hendrix's extraordinary technique attracted a cult following. On his first tour in London, he supported the Monkees, an inRock 'n' roll death: Defeat in her court case this week may have proved too much for Monika Danneman

troupe, loved by mums and dads. massive golden serpent that German-born Monika Dan-wrapped round her finger. neman was a champion ice-She was wearing the ring at skater when she met Hendrix in the High Court last week when 1968 in a Dusseldorf bar. As she was convicted of contempt chronicler of ber own legend. of court for continuing a libel she claims she fell in love against another of the rock straight away. Then there was a star's women. The reality, for gap of some years before the rothose who knew Hendrix well, mance was rekindled in London. was that Danneman only ever In her book, The Inner Life occupied three weeks out of the

flat in Notting Hill Gate where

death for bours". She says they

of Jimi Hendrix, published last rock hero's short life. year to coincide with the 25th The woman Danneman reanniversary of Hendrix's druggarded as ber rival, Kathy Etchinduced death, the couple are ingham, was the long-standing described as living anything but "Foxy Lady" girlfriend of Hen-drix. She has moved on from her a life of sex, drugs, and rock'n'roll. There was appar-Sixties' days, and is now the ent domestic bliss in a rented respectable wife of a doctor

Hendrix talked about "life and Danneman in court looked dustry-invented "Take That" were engaged and she wore a the classic Sixties hahe: long



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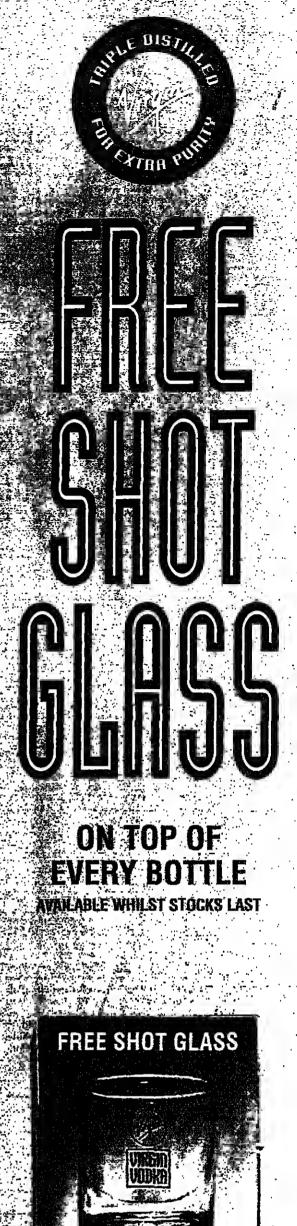
blonde feathered hair, tight black suit with bright red satin underneath, lots of rings, lots of jewellery, heavy mascara, and a mohair coat. Appearing every and mother of two teenage inch the rock star girlfriend, in her mind she remained anchored to the Hendrix legend. Hendrix died on 18 Septem-

ber 1970, in Danneman's Notting Hill flat. Those who have examined the timetable of the death point to a missing five bours between Danneman's alleged first discovery of the body and the arrival of an amhulance.

In 1994, the Attorney General Sir Nicholas Lyell reopened the file on the death. The subsequent investigation cleared Danneman of suggestions that she delayed calling the ambulance.

After Hendrix's death, she turned bim into a personal religion - worshipping by painting oil pictures of him "on the astral plane" and continuing to write about him. The painting and drawings covered her house which became a shrine to lost

By the end of her life she had become a virtual recluse. She recently said: "It is a lonely life. But if I'd not met Jimi, my life would have been very ordinary.



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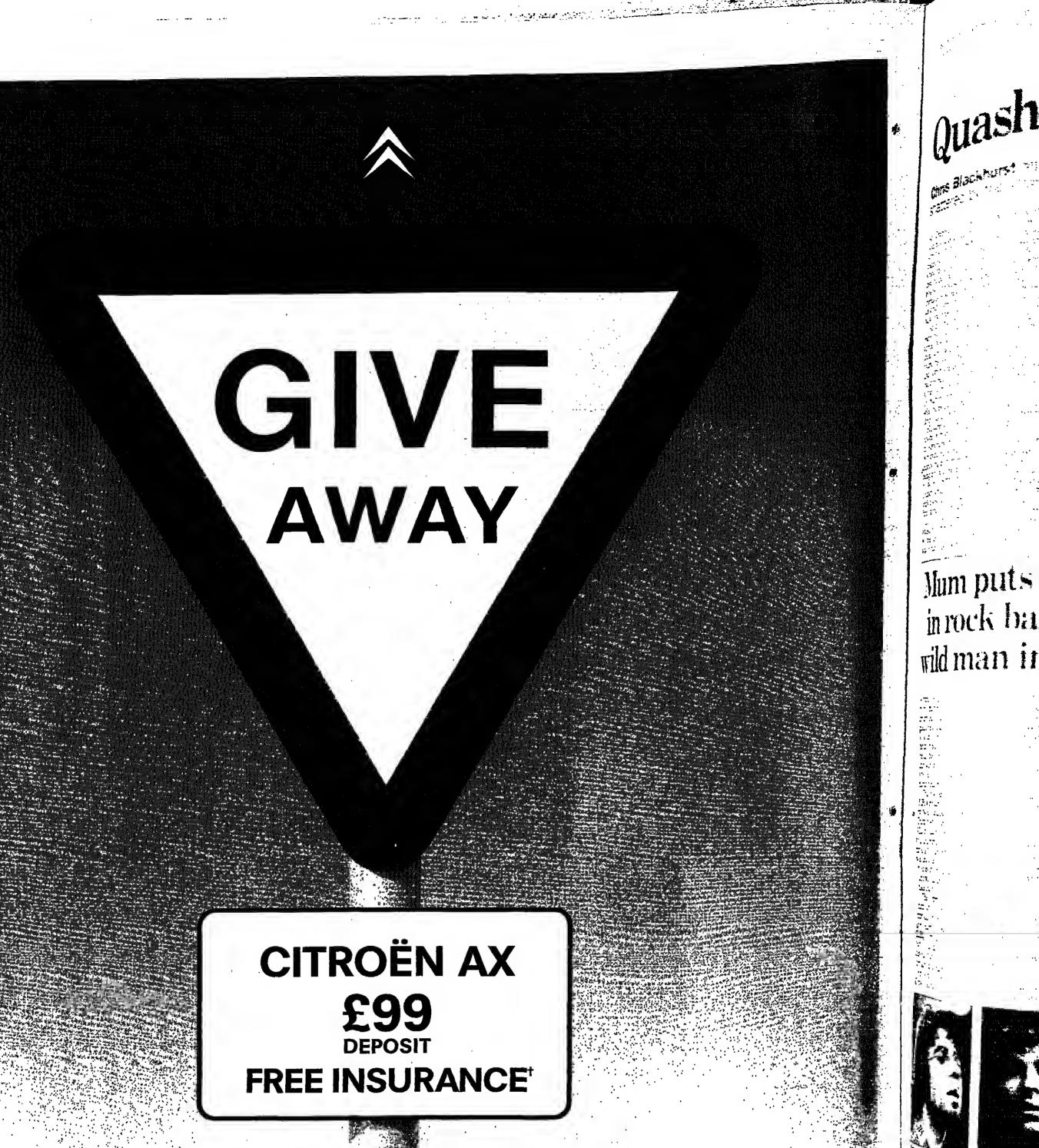
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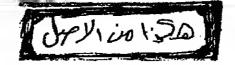
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Chris Blackhurst reports on a life shattered by the arms-to-Iraq affair

Ali Daghir rues the day he won his appeal against convictors of the zeal of Customs and Excise to secure convictions. Mr tion for trying to send nuclear triggers to Iraq in 1994. For, while the Court of Appeal's decision, delivered after just two hours of representation and 15 minutes deliberation, brought to an end a personal nightmare, a

new one was just beginning.
After having served 15 months of a five-year jail sentence, Mr Daghir, a British citizen who was born in Iraq, found his once-thriving business and family life in tatters. Without compensation he has been forced to put his house in Esher, Surrey, up for sale. His wife, the mother of his four children, has left him.

He cannot get work because of what happened and, because the Americans refuse to lift their own indictment against him, he cannot travel overseas for fear of heing arrested and extradited. At 55, he is a virtual prisoner in a country which he still adores but with a system of justice he now finds hard to stomach.

Like other businessmen whose lives have been shattered by the arms-to-Iraq saga and

Excise to secure convictions, Mr Daghir is gearing up to claim damages from the Home Office. At the very least, he reckons, he is owed about £40,000 for his time in prison and £Im for the loss of business profits.

In theory, he should have a good case: Mr Daghir and his assistant, Jeanine Speckman, are the only British people to have heen jailed in the whole arms-to-Iraq affair. But unlike some of the nther defendants. notably Reginald Dunk, whose claim for compensation has heen acknowledged by the Home Office following publi-cation of the Scott report and whose case was highlighted in the Independent last week, Mr Daghir is on thin ground, through no fault of his own,

His difficulty is that after he was convicted in June 1991 of attempting to supply £6,000 worth of ordinary electrical capacitors and won a right to appeal after fresh evidence came to light, his conviction was actually quashed on a technicality.

Instead of hearing the new evidence — a conclusive report from the United Nations nuclear



'Sting' victim: All Daghir In 1991, when he was wrongly convicted of sending detonators to IraqPhotograph: Photo News Service

inspection team that the capacitors from Mr Daghir's firm, Euromac, were not the same as those intended to detonate Irag's atomic weapons and that he had heen set up in a "sting" operation — the Court of Appeal quashed his convic-

tion because the trial judge's summing-up was badly phrased.

The Home Secretary only has power to authorise compensation where new evidence is submitted showing a miscarriage of justice has occurred. In the judge's summing-up. The cases of judicial error, the Home others related to new evidence

Daghir's MP, Ian Taylor, there are no grounds for payment.

Mr Daghir's tragedy is that he had many grounds of appeal, of which the first handful dealt with Mr Daghir said. "I did not

criminal Customs said he was. They showed his products were not destined for Iraq's nuclear bombs and that he had been the victim of a sting by US Customs. "I wanted to clear my name,"

THE 'VICTIMS'

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know if I went on this one I would face a struggle for compensation, otherwise I would ave gone on fresh evidence." The plot thickens when Mr

Daghir produces a letter from Customs and Excise's legal department, dated 27 May 1993. It was sent in the run-up to the

appeal, following production of the UN report. It suggests hearing the technical grounds first, and saving the fresh, potentially embarrassing, evidence until later: "Mr Moses QC Alan Moses, senior Customs counsel in the Matrix Churchill case] feels that all the grounds of appeal other than the question of the fresh evidence be dealt with first. If the court were to rule in the appellant's favour on any of the issues in a way that disposed of the appeal, it would be unnecessary to deal with the question of fresh evidence.

That is what happened. He was freed on a technicality, the new evidence was not heard, he has no automatic right to compensation. His solicitor, Lawrence Kormonick, is preparing a new case to per-suade the Home Office to reconsider his application. "He has been in prison for 15 months, unemployed for several years, has lost his company, cannot travel abroad and has had this hanging over him for six years," Mr Kormonick said. If his claim is contested, it

could he years before he receives any money. "I think the time has now come for him to be properly compensated for his suffering and I hope that he will not have to wait too much Innger," Mr Kormonick said.

Mum puts dent in rock band's wild man image

A hurgeoning row over claims owning up generally to hurby two members of the top rock group Oasis that they once burgled houses and stole car radios took an unexpected turn yesterday when their mother entered the fray to insist that they were nice thoughtful boys who, as far as she knew, had never been involved in crime.

The row began when Tory MPs were alerted to comments by Noel Gallagher, hrother of Oasis co-star Liam, reported in Melody Maker. He is said to have told the paper: "What people have got to understand is that we are lads. We have burgled houses and nicked car stereos. and we like girls and swear and take the piss."

number of Tory MPs who pressed for a police investigation. Harry Greenway, MP for Ealing North, said: "If the members of this group mean what they say then it is a matter for very serious concern."

Conwy, added: "If they are tongue-in-cheek."

gling, perhaps they would help the police by letting them know which houses and which premises they burgled."

Police agreed to investigate the reports, but then the Gallaghers' image as the wild men of rock took a deeply embarrassing twist, by courtesy of their mother.

Margaret Gallagher insisted that, despite their outrageous claims, they were just a couple of nice boys who loved their mum. She also claimed that she would have known if they had heen involved in crime as they had lived at home with her -Noel until he was 23. "As far as I know they were never involved in any crime at all. The were just normal boys growing up," she told BBC Radio 4's World at One programme.

A spokesman for Oasis's record company. Creation, said: "We think it's a hit of a storm in a teacup. The chances are Sir Wyn Roberts, MP for Noel's original comments were





Liam (left) and Noel Gallagher: No truth, their mother say: in the 'life of crime' claims that infuriated Tory MPs

D'Oyly Carte may find home on Tyne

COLIN BROWN

Chief Political Correspondent

Gilbert and Sullivan may soon be added to coal, the Metro-Centre, five bridges over the Tyne, and Kevin Keegan's United on the list of things that Newcastle is famous for.

D'Oyly Carte, the worldfamous operatic company dedicated to the popular work of Gilbert and Sullivan, is considering settling down on Tyneside following the offer by a local businessman for support for a

permanent home in the city. A spokesman for D'Oyly Carte said Tynesiders had a love of Gilbert and Sullivan almost second to none in Britain. Newcastle is one of our best venues and the public do support us up there. It is one of the top tour dates with Plymouth.

Wolverhampton and Norwich. "In the North-east there is a real culture of amateurs that has generated the interest."

The company formed by Richard D'Oyly Carte is based in Birmingham, but its five-year contract ran out in December 1995 and it is currently negotiating for an extension to stay in Birmingham or transfer to a

new home in Newcastle. was the Savoy Theatre in the beef.

Strand, London, huilt by Richard D'Oyly Carte on the proceeds of the Mikado, hu D'Oyly Carte folded in 1982, when the public was more interested in rock musicals, such

as Godspell and Hair. The D'Oyly Carte company was revived in 1988 with a bequest of £1m by a member of the D'Ovly Carte family.

There are detailed negotiations about an opera house in Newcastle to be resolved, hut the city council there has pledged support and there is the possibility of funding from the National Lottery in the future, if the National Lottery Act is changed to allow privatelyowned buildings to receive lot-

tery cash. Virginia Bottomley, the Secretary of State for National Heritage, disclosed the possibility that D'Oyly Carte could be found a permanent home in Newcastle when she was pressed to help at a meeting of the Commons National Her-

itage Select Committee.
Toby Jessel, the Tory MP for Twickenham and an accomplished pianist, called on Mrs Bottomley to help preserve Gilbert and Sullivan's music which he said was as much a The company's natural home part of British culture as roast



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Docklands blast: Victims beset by damage to property and rehousing still to receive any financial help or trauma counselling



Bomb families face compensation fight

ROS WYNNE-JONES

Families whose homes were badly damaged by the Docklands bomb in February have received nocompensation and many have received no counselling for the trauma they suffered.

There is no form of official compensation for people who lose property in a bomb explo-sion in Britain. Few of the families living on the Isle of Dogs, close to the South Quay blast, had insurance policies. Some families have been

offered loans from the Government's Social Fund, hut many have been unable to take them up because they cannot afford the repayments.

Eight weeks after the bombing, rehoused families say their children are having nightmares

and are having to live in homes without carpets and curtains.

Elizabeth Holdgate, 26, a single mother with four children under the age of five, was re-housed after the bomb. Miss Holdgate said her flat had been badly damaged in the hlast. She could not afford insurance, and now lives in a flat without carpets, wallpaper or curtains and little furniture.

The windows of her flat were blown in by the bomh, except the living-room where Miss Holdgate was sitting with her baby, then four months old. Her other children, aged two, four and five, were playing on the stairs. They could so easily have been killed," she said.

"Prince Charles came and saw us and someone from the Government said they would

look after us," she says. "I had just moved into the flat after waiting five years for a council house. I started trying to get compensation, but it took so long I couldn't wait. I've got young children and a baby and

don't have much money. She gets just £75 a week from the state and was forced to turn to a loan shark to help pay for her damaged curtains. "A man came round and offered me some money ... about £200. I

pay him money every week."

She said she would like counselling for her children, particularly her five-year-old daughter who has nightmares. "Last night she was screaming, saying a big plane was crashing into the house."

A spokeswoman for the Department of Environment said: lands' commercial centres.

pensation scheme for bomb victims. They could try . . . the Social Fund or the criminal injuries compensation board."

Tower Hamlets council estimates that the the bomb, which also damaged a school and caused structural damage to hundreds of homes, will cost it around £1m. The Government has yet to decide where this

money is to come from. Nick Raynsford, Labour's London spokesman, said it had been suggested that the coun-cil's costs would be covered by the Bellwin scheme, set up to cover unexpected events. However, there were drawbacks because the council had not been able to afford insurance for the area, which is close to Dock-

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Hard-up are denied Social Fund grant

The Docklands bomh in February hadly damaged Lantern House, a block of council flats on the Barkantine Estate, close to the hlast at South Quay.

All 80 flats, including Miss Holdgate's, were evacuated on the Tuesday after the bombing, as John Gummer, Secretary of State for the Environment, began a visit to Docklands to see the devastation. The Prince of Wales also visited the area.

Half of the windows at the front of the block and 70 per cent at the back were found to have been blown out. Structural engineers later served a "dangerous structure notice" on 17 flats in Lantern House, after internal walls were "fractured"

after being shifted by the force. Tower Hamlets council has replaced windows and window frames, although the block was uninsured because of the high premiums demanded by its proximity to the Docklands commercial district. However, the force of the hisst also damaged personal property, with families already repaying loans or they know they can't afford the

reporting that curtains, bedspreads, furniture and floor-

ings were damaged by flying

Of the 17 rehoused, eight applied to the Social Fund, the government's fund for "easing exceptional pressures on a per-son and his family", for a grant to furbish their new houses. All were turned down and instead offered a loan to be repaid out of social security benefits. In one case, instalments required were £30 per week out of social security benefits of £150 per week, where a couple had three children to support.

Stephen Molyneaux, a Tower Hamlets councillor, said: "The families from Lantern House are really just the tip of an iceberg. There were over 550 families affected by the hlast ...

"I know of many families who haven't applied to the Social Fund because they are

I am worrying about how I can survive'

Shafiqui Rahman, 61, was among those evacuated after the blast and rehoused in east London. He and his wife, Khatun, have four children still living at home. Mr Rahman, who is retired, had lived at Lantern

tired, had lived at Lantern House for several years and had decorated every room in the flat. He applied to the Social Fund for a grant of nearly £5,000, which he estimated he had spent in refurbishment. His application was turned down but he was given a loan for £959 for "high priority needs", which he is to pay off at £28,50 per week out of his at £28.50 per week out of his

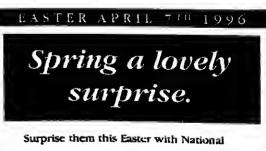
"I am worrying about how I can survive," he said. "The children are still very upset. My daughter had to stay off school today because she was very up-

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know what to do with her." A single mother with six chil-

dren lost carpets, washing machine, Christmas presents, curtains, bookshelves and lampshades. Her children have had to change schools because of the distance from their old school.

They wake up in the night and burst out crying," she said. She receives £104 social secutook out when she moved to Lantern House. Told she would grant for the bomb damage, she decided she could not afford further repayments. She lives in a barc flat without carpet, curtains or adequate furniture.



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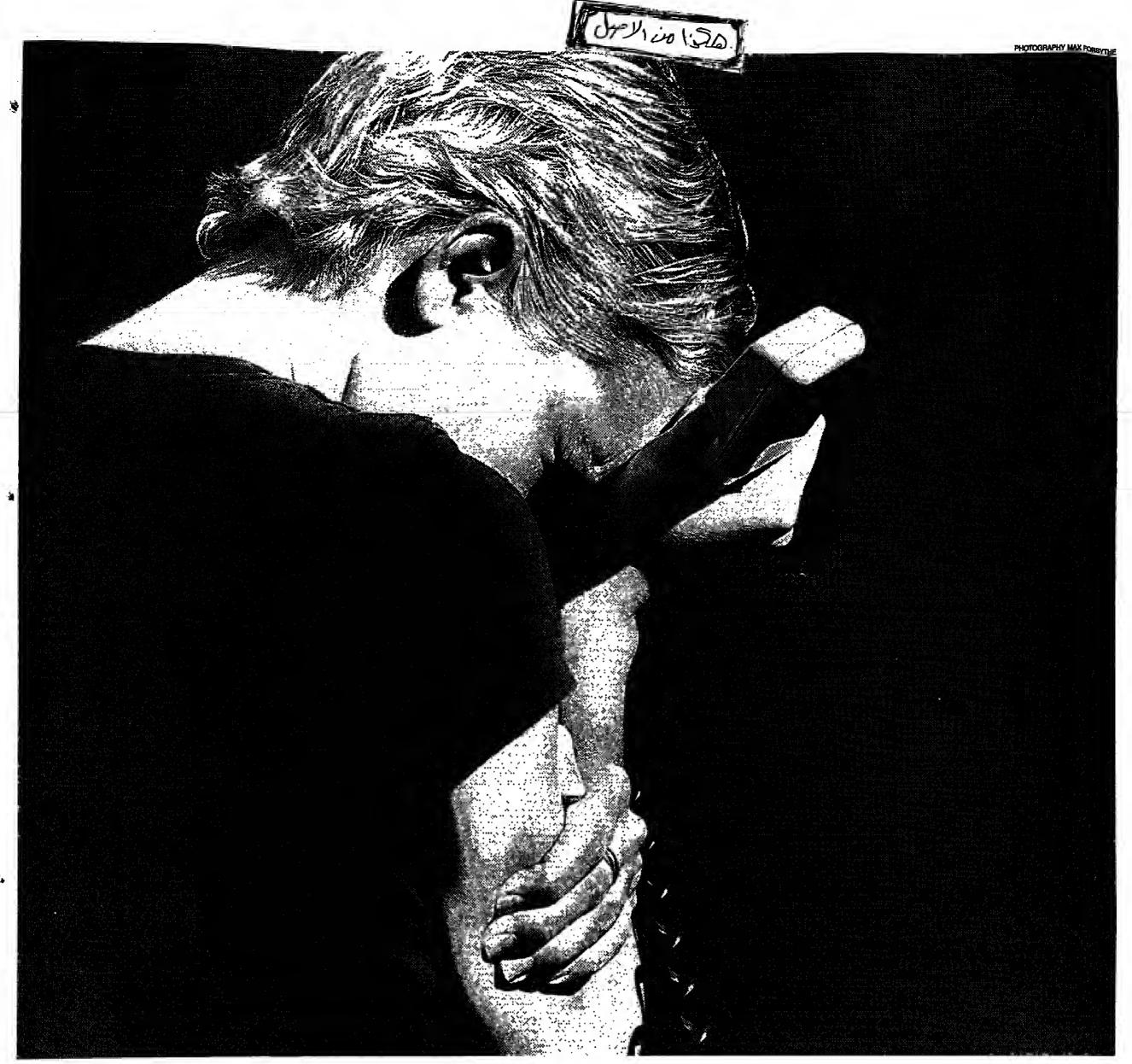


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Inquiry into Celtic sex abuse claims

Detectives were called in to investigate allegations of sexual abuse on young players at Celtic Football Club, it was confirmed last night. Strathclyde Police said a senior detective led an investigation at the club and inquiries were now complete. A spokeswoman said: "We

can confirm that an inquiry has taken place into allegations of sexual abuse of young players at Celtic Football Club. However, these allegations have not been substantiated. No report has been forwarded to the procurator fiscal.

It is understood several players and officials at Celuc, both in the boys' team and senior club, were interviewed as part

of the investigation.

According to reports yesterday, the police were called in by Celtic chief Fergus McCaun after an internal investigation at the club into allegations of abuse during a hoys club tournament in the United States. It was also reported that further allegations surrounding the hoys' club have been made over the past few years.

In a statement last night, Mr McCann said of the police investigation: "This matter is not currently affecting Celuc FC. Since the change of control at Celtic Park, complaints were made regarding an alleged in-cident in New Jersey in 1991 in-volving Celtic Boys' Club. Following the Boys' Club's return to Britain one of its officials resigned ... the matter was referred by the club to Strathclyde Police for investigation."

Solicitor moves to oust Law Society leaders

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Legal Affairs Editor

A grassroots attempt to throw all 75 members of the Law Society's ruling council out of office will take place next week. The move, the latest blow to a factionriven profession, comes from a Bournemouth solicitor. John Edge, who has been leading a campaign to bring back scale fees

for house conveyancing.

Mr Edge has obtained a legal opinion from a leading QC, Michael Beloff, advising that a special general meeting, which could be forced by just 100 of the society's 66.000 solicitors, could change the organisation's by-laws to bring to an end the term of office of all or any of the members of the council.

The development is a further manifestation of the turmod within the profession heralded by the surprise election of the anti-establishment Martin Mears as the society's president last summer. Mr Mears has set

about dismantling the society's liberal image and has pledged himself to the cause of boosting the incomes of smaller solicitors' firms struggling to make a living on cut-price conveyancing during a property slump. But he and the society's vice-president, Robert Sayer have encountered deep resistance within the council.



Martin Mears: Pledged to boost small firms' incomes

Mr Edge has taken the reform agenda further, garnering support for a campaign for the reinstatement of scale fees, which were abolished in the early Seventies, and has used cash from a fighting fund to pay for Mr Beloff's opinion.

He has also thrown down another, separate, gauntlet by setting up with the council member Anthony Bogan a Solicitors Association with the aim of taking charge of the society's "trade union" function. The pair claim that whenever there is a conflict of interest between this and the society's regulatory role, the regulatory role always wins.

According to the society, the process Mr Edge plans to ini-

tiate next week could take two meetings, one to change the rules and another to vote on refrom office. A fifth of the members at either meeting could also call for a postal ballot of the entire profession.

The process is not expected to be completed by the time of this summer's council elections, but since no candidates to oppose Mr Mears and Mr Sayer for the two top jobs have yet declared themselves, the momentum for change is unlikely to wane.

Mr Edge, who is angered by the fact that all but nine of the present council members were elected unopposed, claims that he and his supporters would win "hands down" in a postal ballot because rank and file solicitors have lost confidence in the ability of the society to represent them.

Even if they won, however, it questionable whether scale fees, a retail price maintenance mechanism, could legally be reintroduced. Any change in solicitors' rules to bring them back would have to be shown to be in the public interest before the Office of Fair Trading would approve them. The Master of the Rolls, Lord Bingham, would also have to give his approval. The society believes the ar-

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Reliant Robin finds a saviour

WILL BENNETT

The Reliant Robin, nicknamed the Plastic Pig and for years an endless source of jokes for comedians, will soon be back in full production in Britain after the company was hought for more than

£300,000 by a former Jaguar

It is the third attempt to secure the future of the Reliant company, which collapsed with debts of about £1.5m last December. Its new saviour is Jonathan Heynes, who spent 25 years with Jaguar producing uxury cars .

Yesterday, Mr Heynes said that he would take on between 50 and 90 people, many of them former workers at the Reliant factory in Tamworth, Staffordshire, and promised a future for the fibreglass threewheel vehicles.

"It took a lot of careful thought before hidding for the company and I am going into this with the ambition of making Reliant a profit-making company," said Mr Heynes.

The skeleton staff of 12 will

continue for the moment. I will . be going in to speak to them after the Bank Holiday and then we will be speaking to former workers with a view to getting .. them back in. Reliant produces a good-quality product and

there is no reason why it should not be successful again.

Reliant has been in financial difficulties for five years and went into receivership in 1990 when it was taken over by Beans Industries. In 1994 the receivers were called in again after the firm suffered £2m of bad

Avonex bought the firm in January 1995 but hy December of that year Reliant was about f2m in debt and was forced to lay off 100 workers and call in the administrators. The company said that it had never recovered from the cost of moving equipment to

Tamworth. Although Mr Heynes's hid is thought to have been about £30,000 less than a rival one, the administrators regarded it as the best overall deal. He has purchased the British rights to produce the Robin and other Reliant vehicles while the overseas rights have been sold to an

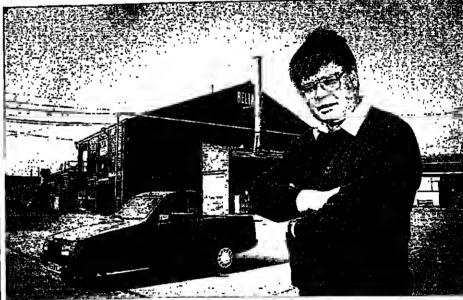
indonesian businessman for Kevin Murphy, of the ad- Fools and Horses.

ministrators Finn Associates, said: "We are very pleased and we think we have a good deal for the creditors. It means that the future for Reliant in south Staffordshire is secure and it is

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Teachers plot hostile. return for Shephard

GOOT HUDOF Education Editor

Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education, will face protests from angry teachers when she addresses the

higgest teachers' union today. Left-wing groups are advising their members to sit in "stony silence" during the speech by Mrs Shephard, the first Secretary of State to speak to a National Union of Teach-

ers' Conference for 16 years. The most militant delegates, including those who mobbed David Blunkett, Labour's education spokesman, last year, may walk out of the Cardiff con-

Carole Regan, the incoming president, and a member of the hard left", said she regretted the union executive decision to invite Mrs. Shephard. "I don't think we should be inviting people who have destroyed education in the way the Government has done."

Teachers are furious about Mrs. Shephard's decision to publish league tables for primary schools and to give into pressure from the Prime Min-

ister for more grammar schools. Mark Carlisle, the last Secretary of State for Education to address the conference, was booed off the platform.

Doug McAvoy, the union's delegates will receive her in an general secretary, said the executive had invited Mrs Shephard, Mr Blunkett and Don Foster, the Liberal Democrats' education spokesman, to give them an opportunity to explain their views before the general

election.
"It would demonstrate a weakness in the union to listen only to those it nearly agrees with," Mr McAvoy said.

Mrs Regan, a member of the socialist Teachers' Alliance, said she thought that "stony silence" was the best way to receive the Secretary of State. She urged Militant not to disrupt Mrs. Shephard's 20-minute speech. At last year's conference in

Blackpool, protesters jostled and threatened Mr. Blunkett and pinned him in a small room while they shouted slogans outside. None of the protesters have been expelled from the union and most are expected to be present this year.

Mrs. Regan said: "I hope the people involved have learnt their lesson. They didn't get very much from it and were admonished by the majority of union members."

Mr MeAvoy said Mrs. Shephard could not expect a warm welcome, particularly after her U-turn on primary school league tables. He said: "I hope

appropriate way having regard to the fact that it is the NUT

which is on show and not indi-vidual delegates." He said he also hoped that Mr Blunkett, who will address the conference tomorrow would be received appropriately.

Splits between delegates and

the leadership will surface again

on Monday when the conference debates the executive's proposat to give alt members a vote on onportant policy issues. Local associations would have to ballot all members before sending motions to con-

decisions would have to be raiified by ballot. At present, the conference is the union's policy-making body. Union leaders are proposing the changes after the left inflicted

a series of defeats on the executive at last year's conference. Conference motions calling for a one-day strike over class size and a special conference on salaries were overturned by a

ballot of members. Members have also been balloted on one-member-one-vote. Mr McAvoy said: "In every area members have voted to extend democracy in the way the executive have suggested. If conference rejects that, it will be rejecting the views of members."



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The Government has refused to increase the £950 lump sum received by the parents of the heroine Fleur Lombard, the first female firefighter to be killed on active duty in Britain.

Despite protests from the Fire Brigades Union, the Home Office has decided not to change the system under which a small "death grant" is available to bereaved parents.

The firefighter, 21, was killed in Fehruary when the roof of a Co-op store in Bristol collapsed as she went in to see if shoppers were trapped. Her family has set up a trust fund for the rehabilitation of firefighters in her name.

The decision by ministers also means that the common law wife of the Gwent firefighter Kevin Lane, who died fighting a fire two days earlier, will not receive a pension. Although she was the



son, they were not married and she therefore does not qualify to receive the benefit.

The wife of a colleague, Stephen Griffin, who died in the same hlaze in Fehruary, will re-ceive full pension rights. Both men had entered a hlazing house at Blaina believing that a child was trapped inside.

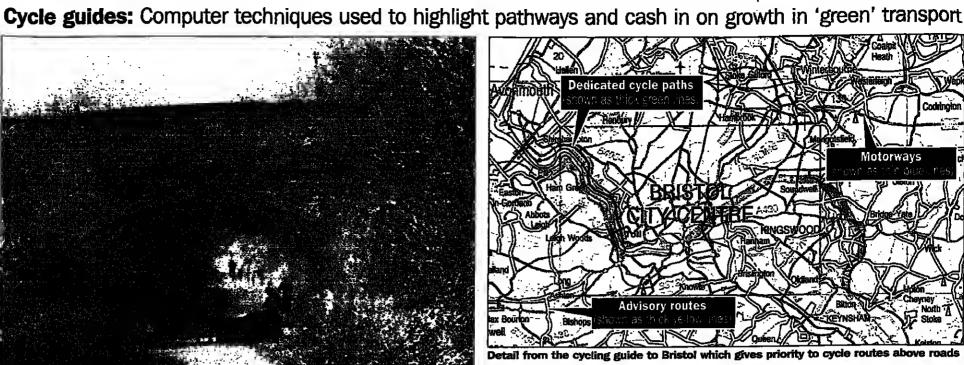
Ken Cameron, leader of the firefighters' union, denounced feeling". Referring to expresafter the deaths. Mr Cameron said: "So much for the fine words of the Prime Minister when the 'selfless bravery' he refers to is rewarded in a manner which is more suited to the last century.

Ministers have told the joint pension comminee for the fire service that proposals to change the system so that relatives other than wives and husbands can henefit from pensions, "should not be taken any further".

A separate compensation scheme administered by a joint union-management committee paid the £950 to Ms Lombard's parents. This scheme recognises common law wives so that both the partners of the Gwent firefighters will receive £85,000. In a letter to Mr Cameron. Baroness Blatch, Home Office minister, said the firefighters' pension arrangements were



Fast track: Cyclists on the Bristol to Bath cycle route



Redrawn maps put age of the car into reverse

The first in a series of local maps, based on the Ordnance Survey series and specially designed for cyclists, has been published in an attempt to cash in on the growth of interest in en-vironmentally friendly forms of transport.

In a reversal of priorities which will give any motorist mistakenly using them apoplexy, the maps give prominence to the hest routes for cyclists. Therefore, the thick green splurge running from Bath to Bristol dominates the map as it shows the pioneering cycle path built by Sustrans, the group now developing the 6,500-mile national cycle network. But in contrast the M5 and M4 motorways are almost invisible thin blue lines, because they are as use-

from them - as the canal towpaths are to juggernauts. It is the first time the Ordnance Survey has used the sophistication of its computer mapping techniques to reverse the road hierarchy.

As Martin Whitfield, who has devised the maps, said: "Britain is criss-crossed with an abundance of byways and lanes on which cyclists should be able to avoid the worst of the traffic. With normal maps, they might well not see what the hest route is.

Mr Whitfield researches all the routes on his bicycle before working with the Ordnance Survey to produce the maps to his requirements. He says: "It takes about 300 to 400 miles' cycling to cover the area of one map. I received a lot of suggestions on the best local cycling

then checked every single detail personally."

His work took about three weeks of cycling round the area: "You can't do lots of miles every day because of having to stop and make notes."

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The first map covers Bristol, while those for Oxford and East Kent are in production and should he published next month, although a theft of com-puter chips at the Ordnance Survey's Southampton HQ may delay production. Future maps will show the planned Sustrans network across the country and Mr Whitfield is confident there is a big market for bis maps: "Interest in cycling is growing, with more cycle paths and cycle routes being developed." ☐ Bristol cycling map, from CycleCity Guides, 3/4 Zig/Zag, Clevedon, Somerset, BS21 7EJ,

MPs back Redwood's return

generous compared private-sector schemes.

Chief Political Correspondent

John Major is being urged to bring John Redwood back into his Cabinet by senior Conservative right-wing MPs as part of a Cabinet shake-up to sharpen the party's campaign for the general election.

The pressure for Mr Red-- who challenged Mr Major for the leadership – to be given a Cabinet post is coming from some of the officers of the 1922 Comminee of backbench MPs, which advises Mr Major on backbench opinion.

David Maclean, a right-wing Home Office minister, and David Curry, a hard-hitting inet. Bringing the former Sec-left-of-centre local government retary of Wales back into the

minister, are also being urged Cabinet would be a high-risk on Mr Major for promotion to policy, resurrecting the criticism

Douglas Hogg is fighting for his career as Minister of Agriculture after criticism of his han-

if Mr Hogg is sacrificed. Mr Maclean was offered the agriculture post in the last reshuffle, but turned it down to

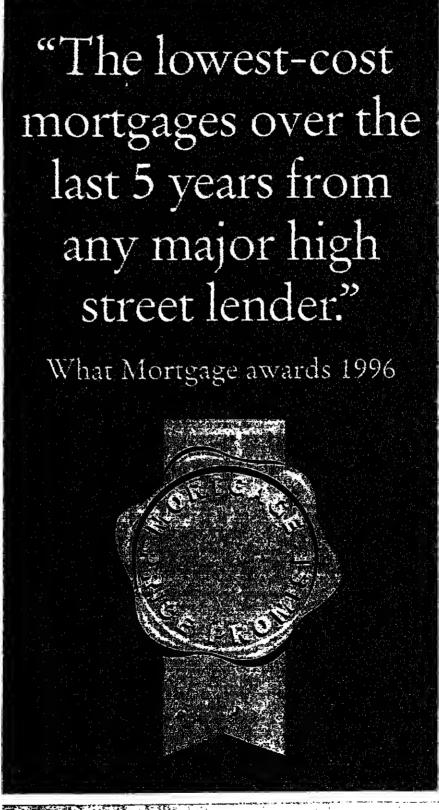
stay at the Home Office. The Prime Minister has privately made it clear he intends to resist the pressure for Mr Redwood to return to the Cab-

pobcy, resurrecting the criticism that Mr Redwood made of Mr Major during the leadership

The MPs believe that Mr Redwood would be able to give dling of the European Union negotiations on beef. Mr Major has protected him from backbench sniping, but Mr Maclean is seen as the best replacement if Mr Hoos is regrified. enditure currently held by William Waldegrave, who sur-vived the Scott inquiry report.

Since going on to the back-benches, Mr Redwood had built up a following outside West-minster and shown himself capable of out-playing right-wing competitors, such as Michael Portillo, while remaining fundamentally loyal to the party.





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Mountain deaths: Avalanche victim is named as Easter weekend walkers get safety warning

MP renews call for climbers to have insurance

STEPHEN GOODWIN

A climber who fell 1,000ft to his death in an avalanche in the Scottish Highlands was named yesterday as campaigners renewed their calls to get climbers to take out rescue insurance.

Kevin Wilson, a 42-year-old plumber from Acomh in York, was climbing on Creag Mea-gaidh, Kinlochlaggan, on Thurs-day when he is believed to have been swept off a ledge ocar the summit of Pumpkin Route.

His companioo, Richard Harrison. 32, a company director, of Dringhouses, York, suffered an ankle injury and was carried off the mountain by members of Lochaber Mountaio Rescue Team.

The Scottisb Office yesterday issued a warning to climbers and walkers to take extra care this weekend as most peaks are still covered in snow and affected by icy wiods and blizzards.

Mr Wilson's death in the mountains - the seventh climbing death this winter - has led to renewed calls for climbers and hillwalkers to have compulsory rescue insurance.

The Labour MP Bill Walker, an ardent campaigner, said "it seems only logical that the user should pay and not the taxpay-er". Mr Walker, whose Tayside North constitueocy includes a large slice of the Grampian mountains, added: "Insurance British Mountaineering Coundoesn't guarantee you will be cil costs £44 for up to 17 days rescued. It guarantees you will be capable of meeting the cost."

He envisages money passing from the rescued climbers' insurers to the Exchequer and back to the police and helicopter services. In Scotland, there are some 900 volunteers in 24 civil-ian teams, plus two RAF teams. RAF or Navy helicopters are probably would not be pursome 900 volunteers in 24 civilinvolved in some 60 per cent of

Mr Walker says volunteers in no longer be taken for granted. the rescue teams would oot be working alongside anyooe paid any more than now, but the taxpayer would be spared some of the cost and rescue facilities could be improved.

However, the Mountaineer-

ing Council for Scotland has

told the committee that search

and rescue provision is peculiar to the terrain of each country.

In Scotland it often means pro-

tracted searches across wild

land in poor visibility where

teams of voluoteers are the

Mountaineering groups in England and Wales have also

protested to the select com-

mittee over any move to intro-duce compulsory insurance.

the British Mountaineering

Council, regards it as a knee-

jerk reaction reaction by "mis-

guided and alarmist" politicians.

our lives to the full, we must

never allow our freedom of

choice to be narrowed, whether

nies," Mr Scott said.

"As climbers, if we are to live

Doug Scott, vice-president of

only practical means.

However, many volunteers are fiercely opposed to any commercial intrusioo and the military helicopter crews value

the "live" training. But Mr Walker's campaign has been giveo a new platform. The Scottish Affairs Select Committee has opened an inquiry into the mountain rescue service, with insurance one of the key issues. Announcing its inquiry, the committee declared 1993 to be "the worst year on record, rescue teams saved 317 lives but 62 were lost". Last year there were 34 fatalities.

Alfie Ingram, secretary of the Mountain Rescue Committee it be by government agencies or commercial insurance compafor Scotland, is contemptuous of MPs wasting taxpayers mon-ey on the inquiry. The present system works well and is very cost-effective," he said.

"The whole insurance thing has been pointed out to be to totally inappropriate to the British scene. I was hoping they had rather seen the light by

Most climbers and walkers do take out insurance when they go ahroad. The basic rescue and medical cover offered by the or £97 for a year.

Whether any charge is levied varies widely. In the Swiss Alps a helicopter pick-up would trigger a bill of typically £2,500 and the climber is unlikely to get out of the country sued. And in Austria free rescue used to be the norm but can

Scottish Highlands casualty list

Seven people have fallen to their death in the Highlands this year.

1. Keyn Wison, 42, fell 3000 ft from Draig Meghad.

2. Fraser Ross, 17, a schoolboy, fell 250ft from Sgurr, nan Gillean on the Isle of Skyle.

3. The Dutch climber Jacobus van Herk fell 900ft at the Observatory Gully on Ben News.

4. Paul Bell, 36, fell 1,000ft from Castle Ridge, Ben News.

5. A Frenchmen, Allain Fretett, 34, fell 400 ft from Castle Ridge. Ben News.

Castle Ridge, Ben Newls 6. Dam Wilsen, 22, fell 600t from Sgurr dan Billean 7. Paul Potter, 42, from Surrey fell 2800 ft from Agrich Dudh

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Scottish avalanche victim: Kevin Wilson, who was swept off a ledge Photograph: Pick of York

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Tory defector told to expect no favours

COLIN BROWN

Chief Political Correspondent

Labour leaders said last night they would not intervene to eosure that the Tory defector. Alan Howarth, was given a safe Labour seat in South York-

Senior Labour sources said it was not within their gift to force a candidate on the Wentworth constituency and strong-ly denied trying to ease Mr Howarth's passage into the seat, which has a 22,440 ma-

Local activists protested af-ter Mr Howarth threw his hat into the ring for the Weotworth seat.

Local party leaders suspected he was putting his name forward with leadership backing, but the row is almost certain to mean he will not now be selected for the seat.

However, he is a highly rated asset by Tony Blair in the campaign for the general elec-tion, and the leadership must be hoping that another Labour constituency will come forward

to give Mr Howarth a home. The former Conservative MP for Stratford-upon-Avon seat was used by Labour last week to try to persuade more wavering Tory voters in the Stafford-shire South East by-election to

swing behind the Labour Par-

A consistent critic of the Government on social policy, Mr Howarth is widely respected in the Commons, but he may have to retire from Westminster, if he does not win a seat. Unlike Emma Nicholson, the Tory MP who defected to the Liberal Democrats, he is also rated by Conservative MPs.

Under party rules, the National Executive Committee could only impose a candidate if there was a dispute, which was oot the case in the Wcotworth

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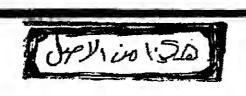
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Gentleman hermit with bombs on brain

TIM CORNWELL Missoula, Montana

Six years ago Joey Youdarian knocked on the door of a remote hillside cahin with a census form in his hand.

three hours with the man in the cabin as he jotted down the formal answers on his age, income and employment. Mr Youdarian, a Vietnam veteran, rememhers a single room about 15sq ft, a wood-burning stove, a bunk bed, and the two volumes in a stack of books that caught his eye: Shakespeare and Thackeray. The conversation ran from Vietnam to the vegetables that Ted Kaczynski was testing in his garden. "He was quiet, polite, well spoken, quite articulate. He didn't seem like a radical or anything." said Mr Youdarian, "Somebody that had found a way of life that they enjoyed, that didn't have to worry about people hothering them, just getting away from the pressures of life."

Mr Kaczynski was held in a Montana jail yesterday charged with possessing components of a bomb while agents from the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms continued sifting through his sparse tacks. Bombs were sent to unihome. For Mr Kaczynski is thought to be the Unabomber. the man who, for 18 years, hyp-

notised America with a series of bomhings across the country.
Investigators now believe that

one of two manual typewriters found there may match the manuscript of the Unabomber's rambling 35,000-word mani-He sat and talked for nearly festo and letters sent to the US press. Officials said they had all heen typed on the same machine, apparently to prove their authenticity. Fearing hooby traps, explosive experts were Xraying everything in the cahin before they touched it, an FBI source said. But they have already found a partially assem-hled pipe bomb, and 10 hinders full of writings and sketchings of bombs with logs of apparent experiments, according to court

> There were books on electrical circuitry and chemistry along with pipes of galvanised metal, copper, and plastic, and chemical ingredients for bombs. But it was the typewriter that

documents.

offered the first substantial link to a string of bombings over two decades that have wounded 23 people and killed three.

Agents waited yesterday for the results of a laboratory analysis on the machine. Mr Kaczynski has not been charged in connection with any of the atversity professors, airline company chiefs, and others that the Unabomber singled out for

leading the hi-tech revolution he viewed as an assault on personal freedom and "a disaster for the human race".

His personal history bears an uncanny resemblance to the suspect's profile drawn up by the FBI. White, male, and aged 53, a highly intelligent, Harvard-educated mathematician, he dropped out of a teaching joh at the University of California at Berkeley to scrape a living in a remote hideaway. But neigh-bours in the small town of Lincoln, Montana, stuck stubbornly yesterday to their memories of a gentlemanly hermit.

"I don't helieve it," said Irene Preston, 84, who played pinochle [a card game] regularly-with Mr Kaczynski in the 1970s, soon after he first moved to Montana.

after her boyfriend died, she "He was always good with us, he never spoke out of place,

He helped her collect wood

never hollered." Mr Kaczynski had lived in Lincoln since 1971, neighbours said, but it was only 10 or 12 years ago that he bought his land about four miles outside the town of about 1,000 people.

He huilt the cabin himself. It was about two hundred yards off a partially paved mountain road, and had no running water or electricity. He would pect seen on Wednesday.

catching the Greyhound hus on his way to visits home to Chicago, though his mother later moved to New York. He is thought to have spent

time in Salt Lake City, where one bomh was found in a university classroom in 1981 and another exploded behind a computer store in 1987. But he appeared in town in all weathers riding a rickety bike. He hitched lifts to Helena, the state capital 40 miles away, with the Lincoln Stage, the mail delivery truck. "He'd go there and pay his taxes and do the business he had to do, Dick Lundberg, a driver, said. "I've known him for at least 20 years and he gave no indication of having adverse feelings against

Yesterday Mr Kaczynski was under a suicide watch in Helena's Lewis and Clark County Jail, Mr Youdarian, in 1990, is the only person that locals say was ever invited inside the cabin. By that time the Unabomber is said to have carried out 13 attacks that had killed one person and seriously injured several others, but Mr Kaczynski talked mostly about saving carrots and cabhages from the frosts. While he looked like he cut his own hair, he was much cleaner than the unkempt, bleary-eyed sus-



Under guard: Theodore Kaczynski is escorted into a federal court in Montana

"He said we shouldn't have been in Vietnam, but he didn't get carried away or anything," said Mr Youdarian, who runs a small beef jerky husiness. "It was real interesting to talk to him. He lived up there alone, but he didn't seem lonely."

The FBI began its surveillance of Mr Kaczynski's cahin several weeks ago after his brother David reluctantly went to the hureau after finding papers at the old family home with marked similarities to the Unabomber's writings,

The area was so remote that one watcher reportedly observed a cougar stalking and killing a deer. But yesterday some agents complained hitterly that they were forced to move in early after CBS reported they were about to execute a

search warrant. "I'm sure that continuing surveillance would have given us the strongest possible case. We didn't have that luxury," one said. The network vesterday insisted it had held the story for two days at the

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JU-YEON KIM Associated Press

Seoul - South Korea put its military on a heightened state of alert yesterday following North Korea's apparent dismissal of an armistice

agreement. The move affects primarily military intelligence and other out neutral peace observers on units charged with watching for a huild-up of North Korean troops and arms along the demilitarised zone separating the rival nations. No major troop movements were involved and a US spokesman said most of the 37,000 American military personnel in South Korea

would not be affected. "It will have no impact on them, by and large," said Jim Coles, the spokesman for both American and United Nations forces in Seoul. Mr Coles described the move as "an incremental step" that involves more frequent and more intensive monitoring of the North Korean military. The Defence Ministry said it was stepping up intelligence gathering activities immediately in conjunction with the US and UN military conmand. South Korean air, naval and ground patrols will he stepped up and more troops put on standby.

The Defence Ministry said

North Korea's latest action "is an almost complete ahrogation of the armistice, and different from its previous moves to discredit it.

'It looks as if North Korea is looking for an excuse to step up military provocation," the min-North Korea announced on

Thursday that it would "give up its duty" of jointly controlling the 2.5-mile-wide demilitarised zone separating it from South Korea.

It said the action was in response to South Korea moving personnel, tanks, artillery and other heavy arms into the zone in violation of the armistice.

which South Korea denies. Thursday's declaration was seen as the latest step in a serics of moves by North Korea aimed at foreing the US to negotiate a peace treaty by proving the armistice ineffective. Last year, North Korea forced

its side of the horder. In reissuing its demand for peace talks earlier this year. North Korea said it would make one final move to prove that the armistice is worthless. Washington has rebuffed North Korea's calls for talks, saying it must negotiate with the South. But the communist North refuses to talk with what it calls

a puppet state.
The demilitarised zone was established at the end of the Korean War in 1953. The two sides have never signed a permanent peace treaty and are still technically at war.

In Washington on Thursday. the US State Department urged the North Koreans "to ahide by their responsibilities under the armistice and to avoid provocative actions". North Korea's statement said its personnel and vehicles would no longer bear distinctive insignia and markings when entering the joint security area at Pan-munjom and the demilitarised

Last week, North Korea's vice defence minister accused the South of planning an attack and said that war on the peninsula was only a matter of time.

ed on Thursday by Yang Hyong Sop, chairman of North Korea's Supreme People's Assembly, in a speech reported by Radio m'a spectral reported by Kadlo
Pyongwang in the northern capital. "The only issue is when
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Child molester asks to be castrated

RUPERT CORNWELL

A convicted Texas child molester due to be set free on parole next week is asking to be castrated to cure him of his sick-ness - and for the first time ever a US state now says it is ready to oblige, and may well agree to foot the \$3,000 (£2,000) to \$4,000 bill for the operation.

This latest twist in a case which has frequently bordered on the grotesque amounts to a complete reversal by the Texas authorities, who had long objected that castration was nonessential "elective" surgery. But on Thursday the state's Board of Pardons and Paroles said that Larry Don McQuay could have his testicles removed, and that it would encourage him to do so.

McQuay is scheduled to be released from the state prison at Huntsville, 70 miles north-west of Houston, on Monday after serving six years of an eight year sentence for committing an indecent act on a San Antonio child in 1989. But the 32-yearold avowed paedophile claims to have molested 240 children in all. Last autumn McQuay re-

trate himself with a razor. Under normal circumstances McQuay would be paroled on condition he wore an electronic tracking device, at least while be completes the remaining

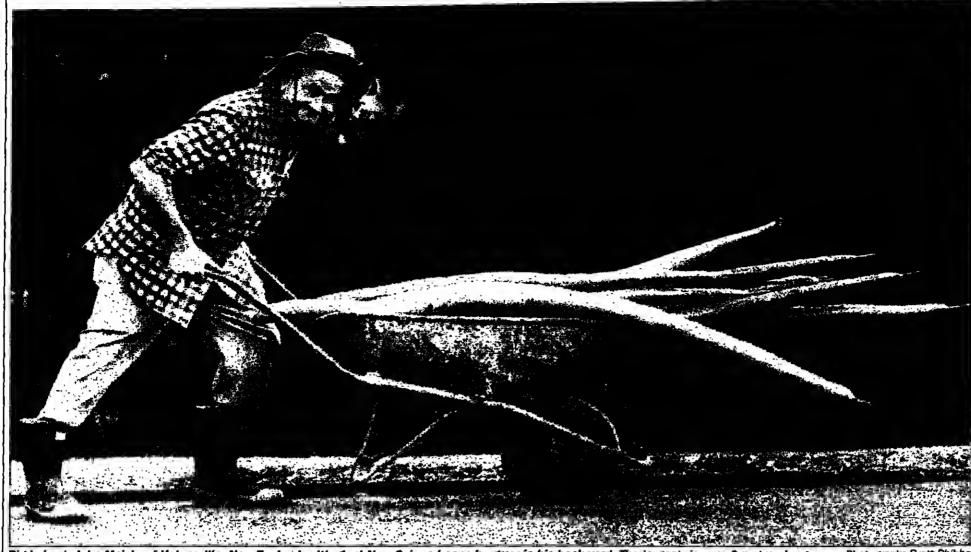
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two years of his term. Supporting the idea of castration, Governor George Bush (son of the former president) said he was "sickened" by the planned release of McQuay. But Mr Bush repeated warnings from medical specialists that castration was no guarantee of a cure. McQuay might still he "a danger to society," and the Parole Board should find some way to keep him in jail.

One option would be to charge McQuay with one of the other offences he claims to have committed. But the legality of such a step is uncertain.

Meanwhile controversy over McQuay's demand intensifies. A group called Justice For All has raised \$4,300 to pay for the operation. But Howard Ruppell, head of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counsellors and Therapists. said

Size does matter when the real Mr Bean sits down to eat his greens



Big is best: John Maish, of Helensville, New Zealand, with giant New Guinea beans he grew in his back yard. The largest is over 2 metres long

Chirac relives Lebanese dream

ROBERT FISK

Naggoura, Southern Lebanon

A loudspeaker crackled and Chirac's Own, the 240 Frenchmen of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, snapped to attention. The President of France had arrived to salute his tiny contingent in the Levant, so small they do not even have a hand. A series of tinny marching songs (circa June 1940, or so it seemed), came from the loudspeakers as the unit whom the French Defence Ministry would most like to disband, but whom President Chirac refuses to withdraw, received the honour of France. So tiny is the French contriforce in Southern Lebanon that the UN call it merely the French Component". But their presence here over the years since 1978, during which they boasted a battalion, cost them 28 dead, losses, if the French are to be believed, who were "martyred" for Lehanon. There hes the rub. The 240 French soldiers in Naggoura, logistics specialists, transport drivers and the like, represent a French dream: that France maintains its "presence", that sometime in thecoming years the people of Lehanon will wish to seek France's protection once more and return to that mythic relationship of love and loyalty which Paris believes existed un-

Mr Chirac's intentions were clear as he stood in front of the memorial to the French dead, France stood ready to guarantee the sovereignty of Lebanon after a Middle East peace, he said. France would continue its long, traditional friendship with Lebanon. French troops along the Lebanese-Israeli border? Was that what the French Presldent was offering in the aftermath of a Middle East accord which more and more Lebanese suspect will never reach fruition? Or French military security for Lebanon, if a new peace agreement is to be coaxed

from the ruins of the old? Two hours earlier, at the Maronite Patriarch's Palace at

had promised the frail Cardinal Nasrallah Sfeir that France would support Lebanon's integrity as a sovereign state and added - Damascus please note - that although the Lebanese war had ended five years ago, more humiliating is that it [Lebanon] loses every day a little more of its identity, of its dignity as an independent sovereign country." There are 22,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon and Mr Chirac seemed happy to reflect Christian anxiety about their presence.

But the Christian Maronites who are supposed to be France's allies had forgotten some of their traditional politeness when President Chirac

"Actin was yesterday the ho-nour of France," a man shouted of the rebel Christian Lebanese general who fought the Syrian Army in 1989 and then sought sanctuary at the French Embassy in Beirut.

"Today he is the prisoner of France." General Aoun lives in exile outside Paris, on condition he does not engage in political debate, a promise that he has repeatedly broken. "No elections under occupation," a ban-ner that was held by another Christian, referring to this year's parhamentary elections, told the French President.

But Mr Chirac thought differently. The Christians must be masters of their own destiny, he their country's election. They should vote. At Naggoura, in Israel's oc-

cupation zone, he was presented to a party of schoolchildren whose teacher embarked on a long speech of love for France. The President's eyes swivelled with irritation towards his Foreign Minister, Hervé de Charette who was forced to stand and watch this loquacious friend of France speaking for longer than the President had addressed his own troops.

Nowonder they seemed happier at the UN cocktail party afterwards, where Chirac's Own helped him to chilled champagne in a garden above the Mediterranean. Here, surely, was la

IN BRIEF

EU heads for new members by 2000

Budapest - Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, said yesterday that talks aimed at enlarging the European Union could begin by early 1998, writes Adrian Bridge, Concluding a two-day visit to Central Europe, be told Hungarian leaders that they were on course for accession talks, which could be concluded before the year 2000. He had earlier delivered the same message to the Czech Republic. "I don't think that all the candidates can participate in the first round [of talks]," he said, implying that other countries will have to wait longer.

Belgian sentenced

Brussels - A former Belgian defence minister, Guy Coeme, tried with seven associates on charges of fraud and forgery, was given a two-year suspended sentence and a fine in Belgium's highest court yesterday. He was accused of illegal use of taxpayers' money.

Chinese border row

Vladivnstnk - The head of a commission overseeing the demarcadon of the Russian-Chinese horder resigned in protest over plans to turn over Russian territory to China. Major General Valergy Rozov said the transfer "harms the national interests of Russia.

Comaneci to wed

Bncharest - Nadia Comaneci, 34, the athlete who captured the world's hearts with perfect 10s at the 1976 Olympics, is to marry US gymnast Bart Conner, on 27 April in a giant palace built by the deposed dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

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Moscow -- The ultra-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky was registered yesterday as a candidate in Russia's June presidential election.

Noble tomb found

Cairo — Czech archaeologists working at Abu Sir. south of Cairo, have found the intact tomb of a nobleman from the 6th century BC.

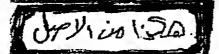
Crime solved fast

Brussels - Belgian police quickly solved two street robberies after victims described the culprit's two outstanding features - a bright yellow jacket and a plaster cast around one leg. Officers caught the 30year-old only 15 minutes after



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RUPERT CORNWELL Washington

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President Clinton tacitly approved large-scale shipments of Iranian arms to Bosnia from early 1994, despite the United Nations arms embargo, and in defiance of his administration's own policy of isolating Iran as a fomentor of international terrorism and sworn enemy of

The charges were set out

article in the Los Angeles Times. was there sympathy for Bosnia detailing a scheme which even here? The answer is, yes." at the time was strongly suspected by US allies, including Britain and France. In a carefully worded reaction, the White House said the US had all along observed "the letter of the law and the requirements of the UN Security Council resolution." But officials privately acknowledged that Washing-

ton was aware of the ship-

According to the newspaper, quoting US sources, an arms supply route was mooted by President Franjo Tudiman of Croatia early in 1994, after previous shipments of Iranian arms to Bosnia had been blocked in September 1992 following strenuous objections from the Bush Administration.

In early 1994, after the deal to set up a Muslim-Croat Bosn-

said to bave approached two seninr US diplomats, Peter Galhraith, Ambassador to Croatia, and Chartes Redman, then Washington's special envoy to the Balkans. They said that the US would not protest - in diplomatic parlance that they had "no instructions" on the matter of Iranian arms shipments. President Clinton reportedly was

directly involved. Thus deliveries began, continuing until January this year, after the implementation of

the tacit US approval, the L4 Times said, the operation "grew into a targe and well organized airlift operating through Turkey and Creatia, supplying thou-sands of tons of small arms, mortars, anti-tank-weapons and

The deliveries may moreover have had a crucial influence heyond Bosnia itself. The Croatian government siphoned off up to 30 per cent of the arms, using them to help drive Croa-

other light equipment".

the Dayton peace accords. With tian Serbs out of the Krajina region in 1995 - changing the halance of the conflict.

And that is not the only irony. In previous US Government covert operations - above all Iran-Contra - the CIA was almost always among the villains. This time, if the LA Times account is correct, the intelligence agency blew the whistle on the operation.

Kept out of the initial secret, the agency inevitably detected the airlift. The CIA passed the pressure in Congress for the airlift. The CIA passed the

findings on to the White House, but a special intelligence oversight review cleared the Administration of any wrongdoing.

Furthermore, the Clinton White House was turning a hlind eye to a major violation of the UN arms embargo - and one which European governments including Britain and France had also quickly detected and complained about at the very moment it was desthe embargo to he scrapped. Even though the Bosnian conflict is theoretically over, the Iranian connection still causes problems. According to US officials, Iran is maintaining "a

significant presence" in Bosnia. There are rogue elements. which could pose a threat to our forces, and this is why we want an end to the link," said one, warning that the tranian connection could derail the upcoming donor conference on

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ments. "Were we in a position yesterday in a long front-page to stop them? Not really. And ian federation, Mr Tudjman is Air crash victims to be flown home

EMMA DALY

On barren grey peaks soaring from the sparkling blue water of the Adriatic, the brilliant white tail of a US military jet marks the spot where 35 people died on Wednesday after-noon. Then, thick cloud obscured the hillside, blinding the pilot to the fact that he was flying parallel to bis proper course until it was too late.

Yesterday, in bright sunshine, US helicopters bovered above a base camp close to the wreck- of the correct pass, which is age, winching in containers with the remains of the victims. who included Ron Brown, the US Commerce Secretary. One woman, a crew member, was found alive in the tail section but died on her way to bospital.

But US sources said most of the bodies were disfigured heyour recognition; they will be flown today to Dover air base in Delaware, so that forensic experts can determine the identities of 33 Americans and two

President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia, who declared yesterday a national day of mourning, was expected in Dubrovnik today for a farewell ceremony.

A team of 26 US investigators sifted through the debris most of the fuselage was shattered on impact - searching for an explanation, their difficult task compounded by the absence of a black-box flight recorder aboard the jet.

to one another, the plane must be lost, it won't fare well" said Ana Duplica, who lives on the coast road in the village of Plat. at the foot of the peak. "Af-ter it disappeared again into the fog we beard a loud noise as if he was taking off," added her husband, Miho, suggesting that the pilot bad tried to climb out of danger. "The sound changed - and then nothing."

From the testimony of local villagers, it seems the plane flew in a straight line, parallel to the course it should have taken, two to three kilometres north-east marked by radio heacons in Kolocep, Lokrum and Cavtat.

The pilot contacted the tower to say he was over Kolocep and descending normally; but instead of passing Lokrum, he flew over Gornji Brgat, a village three kilometres inland and eight kilometres from the crash site. "It flew right over us" said Luce Basic, who returned to her bome in the war-damaged village only three weeks ago.

"It was much louder than usual - when the planes are landing at Cilipi [airport] they go much further out towards the sea," she added. "We are really sorry, it's a great tragedy." In Srehreno, which lies be-

tween Brgat and Plat, it was the same story. "The normal flight path is on the far side of that hill past the church and straight on instead, it came overhead," said Anto Kristovic, a cafe owner. "The engine sounded unusual," Mr Kristovic said, but "The plane appeared from the fog was so heavy he could the clouds like a ghost. We said barely see across the road.

Mr and Mrs Deplica were in-side their house, which has terraced balconies facing the sea, but went out in the rain to investigate the roar. "The noise was unusual," Mr Deplica said. "I came out and I saw the plane, its wings and engines climbing hack into the cloud." Normally, said the couple, aircraft fly between two small islands off the coast and over the

Caviat beacon. In Washington, a sombre President Bill Clinton planted a tree at the White House yesterday to honour Mr Brown and the 34 others who died.

Mr Clinton and his wife, Hillary, shovelled earth around a blossoming white dogwood tree set in a grove filled with ivy and white and yellow daffodils on the White House South

go to Oklahoma City, Hillary and I planted a dogwood tree here in honour of the public servants who lost their lives there," Mr Clinton told reporters.

"This year, as we prepare to go back almost a year later, we're planting, sadly, another tree in bonour of Secretary Brown and all the public servants of the United States and the citizens who lost their lives in the plane crash," he

In addition to Brown and the six-member crew, the victims included 12 US husinessmen, 12 US government officials, a European development bank official, a New York Times reporter, a Croatian interpreter and a Croatian photographer.

Serbs unearth 181 bodies in mass grave

in northern Bosnia exhumed over the past two weeks contained 181 bodies, including those of women killed in their nightgowns, a Serb who took part in the exhumation was quoted as saying yesterday.

All hut one of the bodies. thought to be Serbs killed last autumn, showed signs of violence, Zoran Stankovic, wbo beaded a team of experts digGrad, told Serbia's Tanjug news

John Gerns, an expert who is working with the international war crimes tribunal in The. Hague was present during the dig and the autopsies, he said. "We filmed all the hodies immediately and in the presence of international observers," Mr

Stankovic said. The Serbs say that the grave

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ging up the grave in Mrkonjic contains the bodies of Serbs who were killed when Bosnian Croat and Muslim troops took Mrkonjic Grad last autumn.

The Muslim-Croat federation returned Mrkonjic Grad and nearby Sipovo to the Serbs under the Dayton agreement. But before they left, Bosnian Croats troops burned and looted many homes.

the youngest aged 22 and the oldest over 90. Mr Stankovic Washington — A coalition of said. There were also some soldiers in the grave.

Some women were found buried in their nightgowns, he added. Ilija Simic, an official in Serbia's commission for war crimes said he expected the Hague tribunal to react to the Mrkonjic Grad finds. He in-The victims were mostly civil- sisted that they constituted

human rights groups asked an American court to make the US State Department and the CIA release their records on the massacre of Bosnian Muslims by Serbs last summer in the town of Srebrenica in eastern Bosnia. Srebrenica was the scene of some of the worst atrocities that were committed during the



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For a man who has an indifferent record as government leader, who is treated with suspicion by the international community, who bas already been squeezed out of power once, is now being pursued through the courts on corruption charges and faces constant challenges from his own political allies, Silvio Berlusconi is really doing rather well for himself.

With a little over two weeks to go before Italy's third general election in four years, the media tycoon-turned-politician is still very much in the driving seat of the conservative coalition that he brought into government last time round. What's more, as the campaign develops, he is making all the running against his

adversaries on the centre-left.
According to the last opinion polls that can legally be pub-lished before election day (they are banned in the last three weeks), the Freedom Alliance - made up of Mr Berlusconi's Forza Italia party and the reformed neo-fascist National Alliance - appears to be nudg-ing very slightly ahead of its rival coalition hloc, a far broader grouping of leftists. environmentalists and moderate Catholics known as the

The secret? Mr Berlusconi is producing a fine-tuned, hut essentially identical, version of the political platform that catapulted him into the centre of politics in 1994. Vote for me, he says, and I will make Italy as successful as my husiness empire. f will create jobs, cut taxes, put Italy back on the international map and reform the institutions of state to create stable and

office last time around. Never mind the lack of detail in his programme. Never mind that he and Gianfranco Fini, leader of the National Alliance, present a far more radical right-wing

profile than most voters would normally feel comfortable with. Mr Berlusconi is an able communicator, especially on the television stations he owns.



Lamberto Dini: His party may prove to be decisive

His sun-tanned face and everoptimistic tone seem to be working. Most remarkably, he has managed to twist all his judicial problems into a political issue: the magistrates are controlled by the left, he argues, and they are out to get him.

The mood in the opposition camp is nervous, if not down-right fatalistic. "Berlusconi is so good at playing the victim that it is impossible for us to fight the campaign on his weaknesses: the conflict of interest between his television empire and his political career, his questionable business practices, or his links with corrupt politicians in the past," said one volunteer at the Olive Tree's headquarters.

Instead, the dominant issue Never mind that Mr Berlus- has been taxation. Both sides coni failed to do any of these agree that the tax system is too complicated (there are more than 100 separate income taxes). Both agree widespread evasion has to be vigorously combated, both through law enforcement and by overhauling the inefficient and corrupt state sector so that taxpayers feel they get their money's worth. Both sides even agree that, long term, taxes should come down since many households are surrendering 50 per cent of their income to make up for others

who dodge payment. But somehow Mr Berlusconi has managed to persuade votand that he is winning it. With-out committing himself, he has invoked the US presidential candidate Steve Forbes' call for a flat rate and suggested that income tax could be reduced immediately. The centre-left, meanwhile, has been less flamboyant but more realistic, saying Italy bas to get its massive public deficit under control before any promises can be made.

The crunch moment of the campaign was a confrontation between Mr Berlusconi and the leader of the Olive Tree, Romano Prodi, before an audience of small husinessmen. Mr Berlusconi was in his own conTarnished reputation: Berlusconi with his lawyers in court earlier this year er, that he cancelled a second stituency, earning generous apscheduled debate on primeplause for every utterance - and for sheer debating skills, he beat time television. "It was really painful," admitted the cam-Mr Prodi hands down.

So unnerved was Mr Prodi,

an intelligent but not particu-

larly incisive or forceful speak-

shade over-pessimistic, the result of being excluded from power for the last 50 years. paign worker. "It seems we are Opinion polls show voter trust condemned to be right but for to be much higher in its leaders, and political analysis nobody to believe us."

centre-right victory - which does not seem very likely - the

The centre-left is perhaps a believe that short of a decisive Olive Tree is still likely to be an important component in whatever government emerges after

What could swing the contest is the performance of the prime minister, Lamberto Dini, whe has set up his own party. He has provisionally hitched himself to the centre-left, but he is a conservative by temperament and a former Berlusconi acolyte, and has not ruled out a swing back to the right.

Political sources say Mr. Dini's long-term aim may be to supplant Messrs Berlusconi and Fini and form a more respectable conservative hioc. Such a group might be remforced by moderate conserva, tives disillusioned with Mi Berlusconi as well as prominent figures such as Antonio Di Pietro, the former anti-corruption magistrate who wants to enter politics but seems unable to decide whose side to take.

Mr Di Pietro, regularly voted Italy's most popular publicatingure, is another anti-Berlusconi conservative. He has just thrown off a slew of judicial mud? Photograph: Luca Bruno thrown at him by supporters of Mr Berlusconi, who attempted to put him on trial for abuses of office, and could yet be considered a compromise choice for government leader or senior cabinet minister if the election produces no clear result.

PEKING DAYS

Where men bathe in milk until it curds

The icy winds have stopped hlowing, the huds are opening on the trees - and Spring Mad-ness has taken hold in China. All of a sudden. Chinese newspapers are vying with each other to offer stories about the unexpected aspects of economic reform and the evolution of the country's social norms.

Take the Shenhe Worker's Cultural Palace in the north- enterprise would "cause traffic eastern city of Shenyang. This previously sober establishment has just announced that it has built a special cage in order to suspend a wolf-cub above the dance floor. The animal will be illuminated by three lights to encourage it to prance about and howl. This "Dancing with Wolves" has the added benefit. said the Yangcheng Evening News, "that the wolf-cub would not demand a high performance fee like a singer. So as not to tire out the animal, it will at least only be expected to dance for one hour a night.

In Nanjing, near Shanghai, the new general manager of the Nanjing Dairy Industry Group has launched an important new venture: the milk bath. Thanks to the new Shanghai-Nanjing highway, reported the Peking Youth Daily, low-price dairy products from Shanghai now have a quick and easy route to one particular Nanjing public bath-house. (Many traditional Chinese homes do not include a toilet or bathroom.)

This bathhouse, which used to offer a Chinese berbal bath. now every morning fills its crescent-shaped communal tub with milk. This is for the men, who pay 38 yuan (£3) for the lacuc dunking. Ladies are offered a more private service; for 88 yuan, each female customer receives a bucket containing 5kg of milk. Some Nanjing men clearly feel that a milk bath is a nice way to round off the day; not emptied until 2am the following morning, by which time the bath house is presumably well on its way to offering that nose-wrinkling curd cheese

hathing experience. In Shiyan, in Hubei province, today should have meant man-nn from heaven for locals, if only the authorities had not got in-volved. The Shiyan Xinggan Villa Company had hired an airplane in Order to scatter along the main street some 80,000 yuan (£6,500) in coupons which could be exchanged for cash. In a country where the average annual urban wage is about 3,500 yuan, this was bound to cause pandemonium.

For the past two weeks, advertisements announcing this redistribution of wealth have been on local television and newspapers. "Pay attention to traffic when picking up the coupons," it urged. One farmer, according to the Peking Youth Daily, planned to travel 30 miles into town, hoping to use this "air-money" to huy fertiliser. Local officials decided other-

wise. They said that today's congestion, impair social safety, and incur injury and death", and grounded the venture.

Sometimes the hest of schemes go awry. In Xian. according to China Women's Daily, the 25 or so students in one middle school thought they had hit upon the answer to surviving dreary classes. The 12-yearolds had heard that sleeping pills contained morphine "which can stimulate the mind" and bought three or four bottles of the pills, distributing them before the afternoon lessons.

"About 3pm, the teacher noticed some students were drowsy," reported the newspaper. As one one they fell into a deep slumber, the teacher realised it must be more than the normal stupor, and before long the class was heing taken to hospital.

Meanwhile, in Zhengzhou Henan province, the Imperial Garden restaurant's attempt to brighten up people's lives has been deemed a "bad cultural tendency". It seemed far from counter-revolutionary when the restaurant launched an "evening tea" service and put up a large banner reading: "Light a lamp of hope in the darkness" a quote from a well-known Taiwanese pop song. Spring Mad-ness among local officials has now judged this to be a highly political act. The local newspaper thundered: "For whom does this restaurant offer such a service with the name Imperial Garden? Here in China, what we are doing is to construct a socialistic market economy. Socialism is the pre-condition." The lamp of hope has been swiftly extinguished.

Zhengzhou's residents will instead have to settle for television this holiday weekend, when Easter coincides with the traditional Ching Ming grave-sweeping festival, and today's birthday of Guanyin, the Buddhist idol of compassion. The China Central Television (CCTV) film channel should have people gripped. It offers a programme of films today including Stupid Manager, Lover's Blood, Life Filled With Twists and, for those who last until midnight. The Fatal Tattoo.

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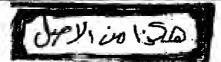
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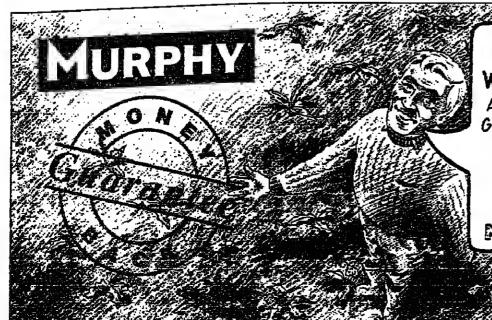
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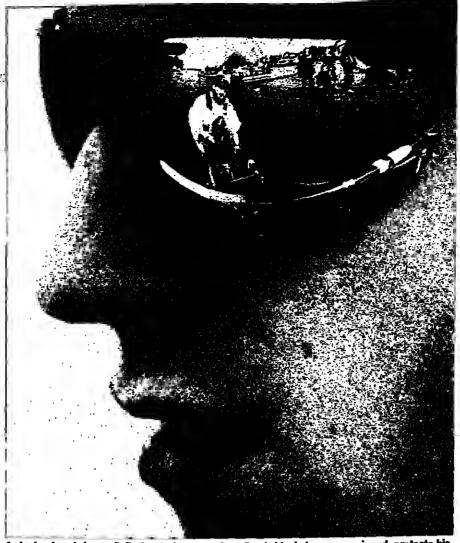
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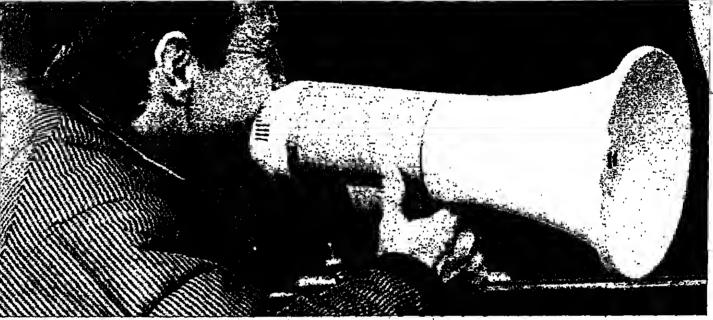
The art of delegation: at the Putney boathouse, Whyman directs the Cambridge crew on to the water. If they win this year, it will be the fourth victory in a row for the light blues



The Oxford stroke, Adam Frost, carries his cox, Todd Kristol, back to the Putney boathouse



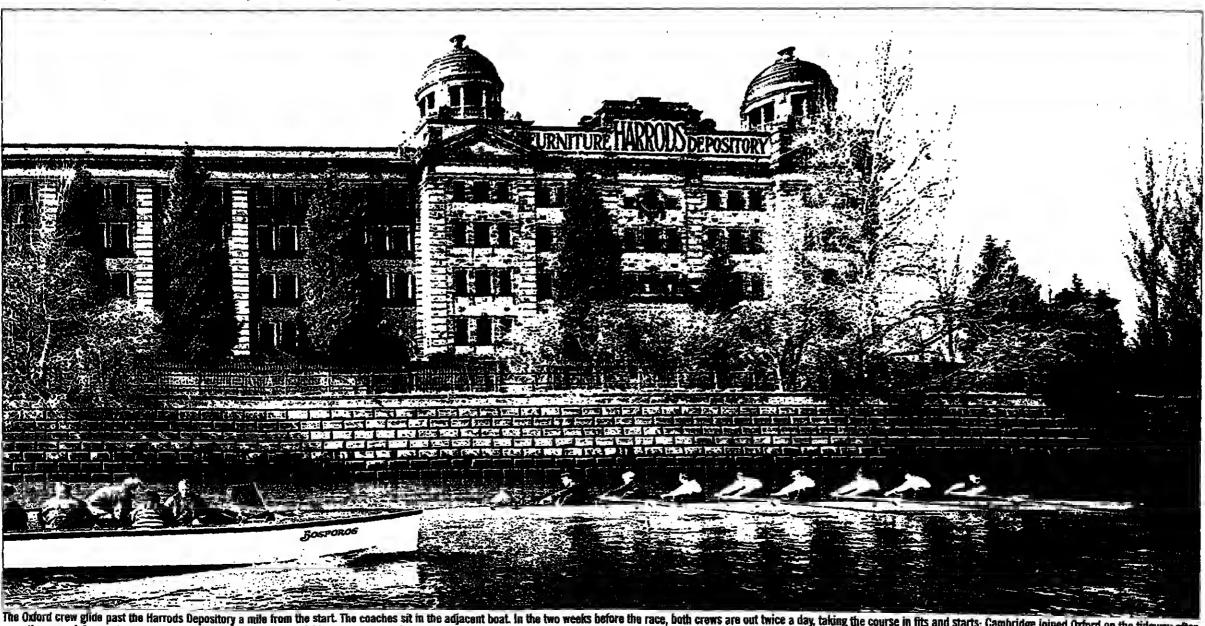
A shade of cool: James Ball, the stroke upon whom Cambridge's hopes are pinned, protects his eyes from the glare and reflects his cox, Kevin Whyman



Dan Topolski, the Oxford director of coaches, shouts encouragement to his crew from the Bosporos

RACE FOR THEIR LIVES

For most people, the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race means having a flutter or taking a trip down a Thames towpath. But for the 16 oarsmen who will set off from Putney Bridge at 3.30pm this afternoon on the gruelling four-and-a-quarter mile dash to Chiswick Bridge, it will be make or break. David Ashdown watched the end of six months' preparations for race No.142



The Oxford crew glide past the Harrods Depository a mile from the start. The coaches sit in the adjacent boat. In the two weeks before the race, both crews are out twice a day, taking the course in fits and starts; Cambridge joined Oxford on the tideway after spending a week in a water sports centre in Nottingham. The punishing schedule for the last six months has been six hours a day, six days a week, sustained by the motto: 'Six months' hardship for a lifetime of pride'



More Mr Nice Guy

Gregory Peck says he's no moral guardian, but modern Hollywood's bad manners cast him in an even whiter light than 40 years ago. By John Lyttle. Portrait by Tiddy Maitland-Titterton

this outside?" It's a glorious day and there are too busy maids and bossy butlers, and, for some unex-

and spits. Peck muses as he crosses the rolling lawn, past the artful flower beds, toward the river's edge. "I'm retired, you know. I don't make movies any more." Pause. "When I say I'm retired, I mean retired unless a great role came along. ing out of retirement."

Immediately is lightly stressed. Gregory Peck doesn't do overstatement.

He is in Cognac to receive an award at a film festival. The Martell family chateau - "they're the drinks people" - lies behind him now, hasking in the beat, white, serene, picturepostcard perfect. Mid-morning in rural France. Everything taste mean the big roles have dried up and the best scripts is heautiful. And, suddenly, comes a soft surprise - a burst of Yeats, "I will arise and now, and go to Innisfree, And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made: Nine beanrows will I have there, and a hive for the boney-bee, And live alone in the bee-loud glade...'

The voice is a deep, smooth, smokey familiar thing, a voice to woo goddesses with (Gardner, Loren, Bergman and Kerr) or, taken an octave lower, a voice to command - baven't Niven, Quinn, Power and Mitchum all jumped to its bidding?

There's a bench. Gregory Peck sits with a barely discernible sigh of relief, a sound a man just shy of 80 would make. A resolute hand rises to hrush back bair no longer black, but silver grey, and superbly cut. The voice again: "Then I have my one-man stage show. I travel the United to be the last of the noble men. States with that. It hreaks into three acts. It begins with a selection of my films ... you may have seen it?"

Certainly. Electric highlights from Roman Holiday, the original (and superior) Cape Fear, The Guns of Navarone, Spellhound, On the Beach, The Gunfighter, Twelve O'Clock High, How the West Was Won, Arabesque, The Snows of Kilimanjaro. The Yearling, Old Gringo, the Best Actor Oscarwinning To Kill a Mockingbird, and more: The Big Country, Captain Horario Hornblower, Gentlemen's Agreement. Flickering visions of liberal decency and blunt incorruptibility hattling against the forces of dull, dumb reaction visions made all the more poignant for having been almost wholly discarded by modern Hollywood and most of the western world.

A world unfit for heroes, Peck nods: "Of course, they claim that the character who is dependable, trustworthy, brave, strong and polite is hopelessly out of date. And in the current phase of Hollywood, they're right. The only character with those qualities we've had recently has been a pig called with those quantities we to man, it was what we used to call a between the two wary parties before being left, at the age retard. It was Forrest Gump." Peck almost laughs, but not quite. Something sticks in his throat.

ment or the goodie-goodie. Nobody looks forward to the authority's righteous excesses, probably began there. It would return of the goodie-goodie. But you can't escape that people still want the man you can rely on in a crisis. The man studio system, be refused to sign the traditional long-term

regory Peck shakes bands and asks, "Sball we do who is willing to sacrifice his reputation or his life for a principle is still a figure we look up to. I knew Lyndon Johnson many bodies about indoors - a TV crew, secretaries, and be bad a phrase - There is a man you can go to the well with.' The well is outside the stockade, and there are plained reason, a trio of back-up singers practising Indians hiding, so the man you can go to the well with is harmonies on a sound system that hisses, splutters the man you can trust. Where do you find a man you can go to the well with today?"

Nowhere. Except preserved on celluloid, like some exotic but extinct species trapped in amber. "So, my oneman show starts with the selection," Peck explains. "I come on for the second act and sit in a high director's chair and If a great role came along, I would immediately come charg- tell a few stories, mostly in a light vein, hopefully amusing and entertaining. Then I open it up for questions. That's my one-man show."

And there's the other one-man show, the one Peck is giving in Cognac, the performance stars find themselves delivering once the hot comet of their career cools, when advancing age, retreating box office and mutating mass are hand-delivered elsewhere.

This one last character part: living icon, conversation piece, the abstract of fame finally reduced to human flesb, filmed now by tourists' camcorders, not Hitchcock's magic hox, as yet another homage looms and the essence of your screen image is stripped down, reassembled and handed back in its new, improved form. The latest academic update - Gregory Peck, Nice Guy, precursor to Kevin Costner. patrician template for ordinary Tom Hanks, Mr Middle Class, Middle America incarnate. As if they really knew him, the man, rather than the projection, the light and shadow that became a symbol of ... let's try a few outmoded words. Dignity. Courage. Morality. Good. What a fate -

"Well," says Peck, face upturned to catch the sun's warmth, "over 50 years you have a chance to get used to it. Let me say this. I started my career in theatre in a \$6 a week rented room in New York, banging around street corners between jobs with the other unemployed actors. That's how I and Kirk Douglas met. And when I went back to New York after making my second film in Hollywood - a successful picture called The Keys of the Kingdom - and one day, it must have been, oh, 1944, I found myself standing on one of those corners, and across in Times Square, I saw a tremendous billboard about 80ft high and 20ft wide. That billboard bore my image and my name. And I remember thinking, 'What am I going to do? Am I going to be overwhelmed? Or do I keep my mind on the work?' And I realised what mattered. The work. It all comes back to the work. I was never overwhelmed by fame. Never."

It couldn't have been that easy. Not with Peck's background. Divorced parents at the age of three, in an era when divorce still carried a stigma, a childhood spent shuttling of 10, in a military academy run by the Sisters of Mercy. "A kind of tough time," be says. Kind of tough, and, if forgiven, "I'm not arguing for the return of either cheap sentinot forgotten. Peck's sensitivity to social injustice, to

contract that allowed the moguls draconian power and the people who exploit, who steal an idea and spoil it. They promised the artist equal measures of money and punishment. Peck wanted - no, demanded - the right to choose his own roles. Remarkably, he got it.

Critical opinion insists that his best role was himself. Certainly, audiences who fell in love with him in his 1943 debut, Days of Glory, hacked away from the mad (Captain Ahab in Moby Dick), bad (Dr Mengele in The Boys from Brazil) or dangerous to know (the bastard brother in Duel in the Sun) - each a brave attempt to keep a halo from permanently settling on his head. On and off screen, Peck became "Hollywood's best-liked liberal" - the happily married (there was an earlier, seldom-discussed divorce) safe pair of hands the Democratic Party wanted to lure into mainstream politics to combat the Republican threat Bette Davis scornfully referred to as "that little Ronnie Reagan". Peck refused the dubious honour, but he tet his politics and conscience guide his choice of script, even at the risk of appearing - dreaded word - worthy. Gentlemen's Agreement dissects anti-Semitism; The Gunfighter is a pungent portrayal of self-perpetuating violence; To Kill a Mockingbird confronts racial bigotry: On the Beach bears witness to a world destroyed by the nuclear arms race. Even the later cameo parts, such as the patriarchal factory owner in 1991's Other People's Money, are flush with meaning: "The almighty dollar isn't everything. There's community, too." Movies with a message.

Peck quietly groans. "I'm not a moral guardian. And there's nothing disbonourable about turning out an entertaining action picture. A tot of people enjoyed The Guns of Navarone. But without wanting to take any great amount of credit for speaking out on social topics, when those stories were offered, I did seize upon them with enthusiasm, because it gave me a chance to bave my say.

You have hopes. You bope people will come out of To Kill a Mockingbird and perhaps examine their own makeup and recognise they may harbour hatred and think about that, and perhaps try to change. That's as much as you can

Gregory Peck is aware that hope can be vain. He looks at cinema today and what he sees saddens and repels him - blood splashed upon the screen for the sake of sensation". He offers the statement cautiously, with considered thought. He knows that what he's about to say may make him seem a dinosaur in a world of Reservoir Dogs, so he makes his points painstakingly clear.

No, he doesn't agree with the V-chip. He dreads government censorship. He has no sympathy with the religious far-right "who want to tell us what we can and cannot watch". But "excess worries me, this sick, foolish, meaningless violence for the sake of violence, without any real signifiance to the story. I don't object to violence if it's an integral part of the plot - and you can tell when it's an integral part of the plot.

"I've seen Pulp Fiction. The technique is brilliant. No question. Tarantino takes the screen. The violence, the obscenity and roughness and ruthlessness was a realistic, vivid vision of that one aspect of American life.

want to shock, to scare. It's a carnival of savagery, way overboard. And they're making movies for children, not for adults. Unfortunately."

Peck knows the clock cannot be turned back. He knew that when Martin Scorsese came shopping for the rights to Cape Fear, owned by Peck's production company. "Compare the 1962 and the 1991 versions. In the original, I'm a solid family man. I'm good. Bob Mitchum is bad. Now, the remake is interesting hecause of its moral amhivalence. Nick Nolte's lawyer has been unethical and he's been unfaithful. too - even though he's married to Jessica Lange." Peck permits himself a smile. "Bob De Niro is a monster, but he's educated himself in jail and he has a genuine complaint against Nolte. Like it or not, be didn't defend his client properly. That's the distance travelled. Hero and anti-hero... each has elements of the other."

So it's not that he demands Hollywood dictate a definite moral line: "It never did. But the system practised a certain... restraint. A restraint absent from. say. Scorsese's Casino. "I don't want to come down hard on any particular film-maker. But the torture scenes... and the Joe Pesci character, who lives for immediate gratifaction, who takes what he wants when he wants, regardless. People are fed up with that. When I travel the States, it doesn't matter if they are young or old, Republican or Democrat, almost everyone expresses a disgust for this sort of motion picture. And Casino, remember, didn't do well. It was a

big disappointment." This gives Peck heart. Perhaps audiences are voting with what counts - their wallets. Perbaps the profit-obsessed "unfeeling" billion-dollar conglomerates that drive the business today, that have "no great concern for what may not be right for children to see - the violence we're talking about, the overt sex" - have noted the turning away from "blowing up gasoline tanks and slaughtering hystanders wbolesale". This year's Oscar nominees, he recites, included Il Posino, Babe, Sense and Sensibility and Apollo 13 (Peck carefully avoids mentioning the bloody Briveheart), and Apollo 13 is "essentially about the men up there in a desperate condition winning against the odds... you know old-fashioned stuff."

The sun bas scuttled behind dark clouds and the wind whipping off the river chills. Peck wonders if enough hasn't been said. Probably. Returning across the lawn, two small dogs bark for his attention. "They're Maltese - excitable." he says, and stoops to pet and stroke. And, as he does, a sound-bite wings back unbidden from the press conference held the day before to pacify the local press.

Banally asked if he had any advice he wanted to pass on. Peck actually stopped and gave the question some thought, before quoting the Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius: "Do not lie. Do not play the role of a hypocrite. Do not build walls around yourself."

A flash-bulb explodes. "Wait. There's more... Do fear death. Be ready to go when the time comes. And do it with decency." Pause, "Decency, That word again," Gregory Peck laughs. It sounds like thunder in heaven, "Good advice from "But there are the imitators who feed on a new trend, a pagan emperor."

One size fashion: an ill-fitting insult to the neglected art of tailoring

By Louise Levene

ne size fits all. No it doesn't. worn by anyone. Just because Dawn French and Kate Moss could both wear the same poncho doesn't mean that it fits them.

Yet our faith in the "one-size fits all" philosophy extends to even the most intimate garments: Mary Quant used to make one-size bras; tall leggy women and little plump women are supposed to struggle into the same tights; even condoms are made on the assumption that all men are created equal (when any woman of the most limited experience will tell you that they are nothing of the kind).

It is apparent to the most casual observer that humans don't come in just one size, yet you always find yourself standing behind people who seem to have swapped trousers with a friend for a bet.

Until this century the concept of sizes didn't really exist. All hut the humblest clothes were made to measure, either at home or at the tailors or dressmakers. Not that made-tomeasure is necessarily synonymous with made-to-fit - as any bridesmaid will testify "Homespun", "home-made" and "dressmakery" are still terms of derision, and badly finished, unlined, i.adequately pressed efforts can he detected at 50 paces by the trained eye. They always could.

Sick of this often provincial look, the women of America hetween the wars began to demand elegant massproduced clothes.

structure tailored to the torso with countless pieces of fabric and interlining wholly uosuited to mass production. The relatively simple tube many collarless jackets with big was tailormade for the evolving look that enables a gahardine hag industry and its scientifically calculated stock sizes. But the trade still recognised that the best cutting and make in the world couldn't make all size 12 women the same shape; the fitting room was a vital part of the process where a salesperson with a mouthful of pins could make the necessary adjustments - at no extra

this sartorial Utopia: casual wear had begun its relentless slouch from the locker room to the parlour.

In those days, casual meant hlazer Only in the sense that a bed and flaunels, but they proved to be sheet with a hole in it could be the thin end of a wedge that led to a world that slobs around in its pyjamas all day while catalogues plop through the letterbox promising "easy to wear", "easy moving", clothes with -God help us - "couch appeal".

Who is the real beneficiary of all this ease and comfort? Not the sloh on the couch. Every major trend in everyday clothing (as opposed to fashion, which is a different thing entirely) has made life simpler for the manufacturer and retailer. Tracksuits, shellsuits, ethnic dress, Barbours and the lycra boom have all conformed to the one-size-fits-all ideal. Indeterminate sizing and elastic have rendered the normal requirements of fit superfluous. If a shell suit actually fits you, it's time to have your jaw wired.

There is only one drawback: unless you are a very pretty little 18-year-old, you will look like a dog in these clothes. As generations of women trudge along the high streets of Britain, their toneless buttocks squidging repellently from side to side in their one-size leggings, the only winners are the manufacturers who saved on labour (no patterns to grade) and the shopkeeper (no sizes to stock).

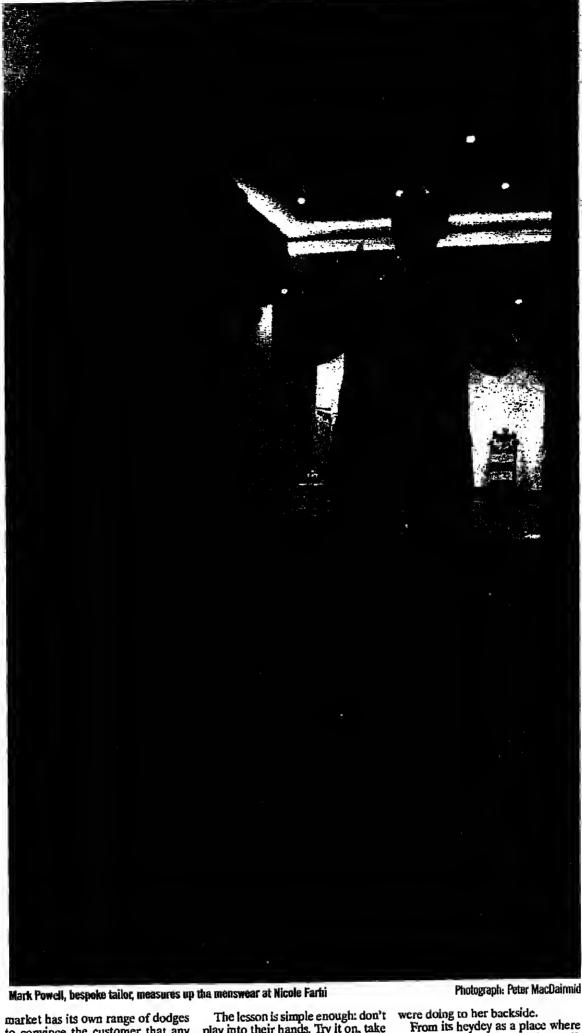
Why do you think so many dresses are made without sleeves? It's not a conspiracy by homosexual fashion designers to make womeo over 25 reveal their flabby upper arms to the world. It's a conspiracy all right, but Until the First World War a it's a conspiracy by the garmeot trade woman's dress had been an elaborate to cut costs in skilled labour. Setting a sleeve is a skill, and skills come expensive.

Why do you think there are so shoulder pads about? Because it's a with huttons up the front to masquerade as tailoring. The absurd quantities of padding in men's jackets mean that eveo skinny, pigeonchested little chaps can affect a heroic, mesomorphic physique -Gary Lineker looks as if he could climh into his jackets without touching the sides.

cost. Labour was cheap.

Such disregard of the vagaries of the human form is bad enough in the would all be the beneficiaries of mass market of leisurewear, but it is affordable, high-quality tailoring. But surely unforgivable in those sectors a parallel trend was one day to wreck this sartorial Utopia: casual wear such words as "design" and "cut" and

"tailoring". Yet even the quality end of the



to convince the customer that any shortfall hetween their size and shape and that of the garment on offer is illusory, irrelevant or even deliherate: "they are wearing them slightly haggy this season madam",
"it's designed to he worn with a belt"
and (my absolute all-time favourite) "it's hracelet length, madam" the temerity to ask why the sleeves

House and Home

The lesson is simple enough: don't play into their hands. Try it on, take a good long look at it from all angles, bend over, raise your arms and if it doesn't fit, don't huy it.

It is fair to assume that the woman never actually seen herself from the back. No normal person has a rearview mirror in their bedroom and no should the gorilla in question have margin-hungry chain store will have wanted her to know exactly what those penny-pinching pedal-pushers

Unusual Gifts

From its heydey as a place where clothes were transformed from offthe-peg to made-to-measure, the fitting room has since become a mere modesty booth where the female in front of you on the escalator has customer could check that the size 12 would get over her hips before stepping outside to a chorus of encour-

aging falsehoods.
"Does my burn look hig in this?"
she asks. Very possibly, but who's going to tell her?

BORTHDAYS

HIGH AND LOW STREET TAILORING

Are designer labels, with prices to match, a measure of quality? Mark Powell, a bespoke tailor, whose clients include Julian Clary, Bryan Ferry and Naomi Campbell, took Sally Williams on a tour of the West End, and cast a critical eye over the ready-to-wear market.

Giorgio Armani: the women's jacket at £400 is better value than the Armani man's suit for £700 because the styling on the woman's is more innovative. The men's suits are boxy, loosely structured and not that different from styles on the high street which cost a fraction of the price. Armani fabrics are good quality: a mix of wool and silk; and silk and viscose for Spring/Summer. The use of synthetic fabrics no longer indicates inferior quality as both top designers and chain stores use a variety of fabrics. Some synthetic fabrics do fluff up however, as do wools and cottons. If a new article of clothing bobbles, take it back. To test the quality of a fabric, crumple it by hand and check that it doesn't hold creases (linens are the exception to this rule).

Gucci: the cut of the man's suit (£750) and woman's jacket (£500) are both of a very high standard. The two tone "tonic" fabric of the man's suit is beautiful, but the quality of tailoring on both is very average (the linen suit which costs £650 doesn't even have button holes on the cuff). Gucci, more than any other designer, is very hyped at the moment. You're not only paying for the jacket, you're paying for merchandising, a prime site shop, thick carpets and glossy assistants. It's not worth it.

Nicole Farhi: both the man's suit at £549 and the woman's jacket at £300 are excellent value for money. The silhouette of the jacket is great; the quality of the fabric (lightweight wool) is very high and given that the jackets are manufactured and not bespoke, the tailoring is good. Examine the linings and make sure they are smooth and invisible from the right side of the garment; make sure checks, stripes and cross seams match up neatly; look and feel for flat, smooth seams with well-finished edges; make sure stitching is straight, regular and unbroken: make sure zips work smoothly and lie flat and check that trims, pockets, buttons and fasteners are securely attached.

Jigsaw: at £139 for a woman's jacket and £295 for a man's suit (96 per cent wool and 4 per cent (ycra), Jigsaw represents pretty good value. The styling is good, although the quality of the fabric is not exceptional and probably won't wear well. Jigsaw pitch for the longevity. The tailoring is a bit hit and miss but the clothes are stylish and reasonably priced. You could easily take a Jigsaw silk shirt for £55, stick it In Gucci with a £200 mark-up and people would be quite happy to pay.

Marks and Spencer: the woman's jacket for £90 and the man's suit at £99 (both wool and polyester mix) are very disappointing despite Marks and Spencer's reputation for being good value for money. The buttons on the woman's jacket are too heavy for the fabric and the collar is not lined and so does not lie flat. The man's suit is cheap, but very dull. Styling has improved on the women's wear over the last few years, but men's wear is still very mediocre.

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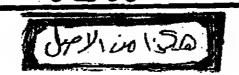
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Want to do something different with sausages?

Don't waste hours with cook books, just consult your computer. Martin Whittaker test drives the new software, Menu Maker

here you are in the kitchen at 5pm, surveying the contents of the fridge in hope of inspiration while hungry children tear around your feet. "How about sausages and cauliflower cheese?" you suggest, knowing it's the best your weary imagination can come up with. "Don't like cauliflower," comes one dismissive reply. "We had sausages last week," comes another. So you reach for the cook books hoping to find something different in there. But ten minutes later, you're still hunting for that recipe as the screaming gets louder.

AND LOW STREET

It's a perennial problem - how to dish up a meal from the ingredients available, given ever-changing likes and dislikes: perhaps a child who's decided she's vegetarian or an adult counting the calories. Now Tricia Bidmead and Jo Stewart, from Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire, believe they have the answer. They have developed a piece of computer software called Menu Maker.

Once installed on a PC you can call up a vast list of recipes. So you want to do something different with sausages? Just click your mouse on the search icon, tap in "sausages", and up come 16 suggestions - toad in the hole, sausages with lentils and garlic, sausage and chickpea stew, and so on.

Tricia and Jo, who call their company Recipe for Success, developed the idea following their own experiences in the catering trade and as working mothers. Tricia worked in contract catering and Jo was a systems engineer with IBM before she took over the running of her parents' country house hotel.

"The chefs there took great pride in changing the menu every day," says Jo. "The downside was that every day when they came in they had to see what food they had.

"They'd say right - we've got monkfish and spring onions - we'll do a spicy fish dish. But then there might be some guests who were allergic to onions, otbers who might not like it too spicy. In the end it would take them about two hours every day, turning the pages of cook books just to find recipes for the ingredients we had. I thought this is madness - why are we wasting all this time? So I began to devise the system."

It worked in the hotel and the chefs were bappy once more. But the two women believed there was a wider demand for the idea both commercially and on the home front.

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Recipe for success: Tricia Bidmead and Jo Stewart with their Menu Maker

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very well," he says. "Before we used recipe books, which is a very labour intensive task.

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So will it replace the cook books in ing recipes and working on the software. get a list of recipes suitable as starters: vate school's 520 day pupils and boardMenu Maker runs on a PC with Win"fr" will give you dishes suitable for ers. He has been using Menu Maker Nottingham, thinks so. She has used some kitchens? Susan Pynegar, from

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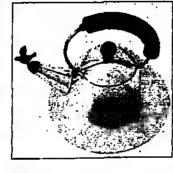
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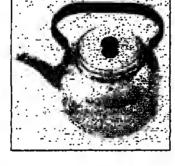


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For cultivators of the naff, the latest cringe-maker is the DIY diner kit

ith the millennium ticking closer, twentieth century design is a smart invest-ment. Rock age buffs will be heading for the Museum Suite of the Copthorne that play 45s and are in chromium plate Hotel, Copthorne, West Sussex, where next rather than wood and plastic. A 1956 Wurl-Saturday and Sunday (10.30am-6.30pm) the curtains will be drawn and up to 150 juke boxes will be glowing in the balf-light in an attempt to seduce buyers.

back. The Wurlitzer 1015 of 1947 - the one with fizzing plastic bubble tubes designed by the legendary Paul Fuller - changed hands for £15,000 five years ago before crashing to £8,000. The 1015 is a classic of what the trade calls the Golden Age of juke boxes, 1939-

Grable draped berself over the warm plastic. More recognisable to today's generation of rockers are Silver Age models of 1953-68 itzer Centennial 2000 might cost you £6,000. At the bottom of the price range: the 1970

Wurlitzer Statesman at £400-£500. Besides jukeboxes, which make up balf the Like classic cars, juke boxes crashed in price in the recession but are now bopping box Show, there will be 30 pinball machines on free play and for sale (£400-£2,000), onearmed bandits (a late Fifties Jennings Indian Head fetches £800), end-of pier What the Butler Saw machines (around £1,500) and old-fashioned All-Wins with the spring-fired ball bearing that goes bang-rattle-plink. 53, when the records were 78rpm and Betty Made between the Thirties and early Sixties.

they are now back in fashion. One dealer who contested 20th century market. Last week was offering 300 of them for £6 each in the Fifties now has only six left - at £300 each.

One stand will offer only eccentric telephones. For cultivators of the naff, the latest cringe-maker is the DIY diner kit - mushroom stools, lashings of Formica and perhaps a genuine Thirties Coca-Cola refrigerator as supplied by the company to retailers (around £2,000). Further information: Twentieth Century Antique Promotions (tel/fax 01293-822469)

first Modern Design auction next Saturday (11am). Post-1940 furniture that might otherwise be rubbing arms with pieces by Pugin in South Ken's regular furniture sales, has been whisked into this growing and hotly

saw Sotbeby's first Design Since 1935 sale: it sold 69 per cent by value.

Among the current 20th century sales, South Ken's has the broadest range: it includes a 1963 Lambretta (£1,200-£1,600) and a 1964 Lichtenstein comic-strip lithograph (£1,000-£1,500).

Best of the rest: at Christie's South Kensington, Friday (11am), autograph letters, including 60 menus from Royal residences signed by prime ministers and celebrities Christie's South Kensington is holding its and collected by the Victorian author and traveller Lady Dorothy Nevill. South Ken's ridiculously low estimate of £150-£250 is bound to be exceeded.

John Windsor



on with the smart cords, a touch of Plum lipstick - Avon, of course, and a bit of blusher. Then, I load up the car with catalogues and deliveries, and off 1 go.

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Evenings or Sunday afternoons are my best times for catching people in. I'm on this new-isb housing estate and an awful lot of my ladies are working mums. 1 sbouldn't say this, but 1 do think it's nice to see a mum at home with her baby. The best thing about this job is flexibility. You can do as much as you want to, when you want to. The only deadline is the date the orders have to be

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rier - grew from the fabric with which it's made. Tina spotted the canvas while buying fabric for quilts. At home it was kitted out with four handles, one on each corner, and a tie. When folded and tied it's a capacinus shopping bag. Opened flat it becomes a picnic mat, nr a useful means of lugging weeds, cuttings or logs in from the garden. And once that's done you can shake off any loose mud or rinse it down with water. Call 01328 820699 for mail order.

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Cashing in on the royal mail

The sale of the Queen's letters on 25 April will herald a renewed interest in Royal memorabilia. By John Windsor

he forthcoming auction of three handwritten letters by the Queen, describing her teenage romance with Prince Philip, is likely to hring to the surface some of the dottier and more scurrilnus scribblings of 20thcentury British royals that have hitherto circulated discreetly among collector-dealers.

Among them an unpublished letter (see right) by the Duke of York, the future King George VI also known as Albert. Here he says he believes that the British (not the Jews) are the lost tribes of Israel - the "Chosen Race" - and one written by his brother, the future Edward VIII, during his Navy days, in which he complains: "I haven't had a fuck for a fortnight".

The Queen's letters are innocent enough. Written at the request of a royal biographer, they tell nf the "great fun" she had on a spin to London, driven in an MG by the then Lt Mountbatten, and how they were chased by a phntographer.

But such is the fear of Royal wrath among the big London auction houses that none of them whuld handle the letters. They are being sold on 25 April by a provincial auctioneer, the Clevedon Salerooms of Bristol, which has estimated them at £1,000-£1,500.

"Outrageous!" said a Sotheby's spokesperson.
"When we first beard of this sale, we thought it must be an April fool's jake." To which Marc Burridge, a Clevedon partner, retorts: "What have I got tn lose - apart from my head?"

A Buckingham Palace spokesperson said she did not expect the Palace to ask for the letters to be withdrawn. Nevertheless, Palace paranoia at Sotheby's is almost tangible. It dates back to December 1979 when the firm tried to auctinn a hundle of Privy Chuncil declarations that had been read out in Council by Edward VIII and George VL The lots included a mirror-image, snatched from a Privy Council blotting pad, of George VI's first official signature as King. As soon as the auction catalogue appeared, Sotheby's received an icy telephone call from the Palace. Minutes later, an equerry whisked the papers away in a Royal lim-

The episode was made more poignant by the fact that, at the time, Sotheby's deputy chairman, the 15th Earl of Westmorland, was Master of the Queen's Horse - the third-highest rank in the Royal household. He became chairman of Sotheby's the next year. To this day, Sotheby's will sell no Royal letters written more recently than Edward VII's

As if to trump them in loyalty, Christie's told me they would sell nothing written later than

Queen Victoria's death. The result nf such obsequinusness is that the trade in 20th-century "Royal memorabilia" has been driven into provincial salerooms, meetings of collector-dealers and their privately circulated mail-order cata-

I first encountered the Duke of York's "Chosen Race" letter, written in 1922, a year ago at a buy, sell and swap meeting of the Universal Autograph Collectors Club. It was being offered for £400 by the London rare book and manuscript dealer Julian Brown-

ing. Since then, it has changed bands twice. It is now being offered for £1,250 by the Oxford book dealer Roy Davids.

As for his brother's pre-First World War letter complaining about his bleak fortnight, that was among a hatch of the future King's letters sent for sale at Sotheby's not long after the Privy Council papers scanda). The auctioneers lost no time in sending it back to its owner.

It is the sort of letter that, in today's newly liberalised market for Royal memorabilia, is likely to re-surface. There are signs that even London auctioneers are loosening up. On 12 April, Christie's South Kensington will offer 22 letters by Edward VIII, which he wrote to a friend while at Oxford during the First World War. South Ken is wary of selling anything "that might offend" but has a longstanding agreement with the Palace; documents of dead Royals may be sold, but none written by the living later than 1938 (which just includes signed photographs of the 1937 coronation).

The 22 Edward VIII letters describe beagling, shooting parties, dinners and dances and, most interestingly, express his batred for the "Boches" From the man who was to he accused of fraternising with the Nazis following his abdication in 1936, there is: "What a bloody existence mine is. How long this will last, God only knows; we must smash these Germans". The collection is estimated at £3,000-£4,000.

In June, a hardened chunk of Prince Charles and Lady Diana's wedding cake will be offered for an estimated £200-£300 at Dominic Winter, the Swindon book auctioneers. Winter bad a sniff of the Oueen's letters. The vendor approached Winter first, apparently tempted by the firm's much-publicised sale of a batch of five Royal Christmas cards, including cards from the Queen and Prince Philip, Prince Charles and Princess Diana. Though torn.

they fetched £280 the lot. Royal Christmas cards are the staple of the Royal memorabilia trade. They are not regarded as "sen-

sitive" and occasionally crop up in London auctions. The higgest dealer in such ephemera is Sophie of York and future King Dupré of Calne, Wiltshire. For £30 she will sell you a letter from a princess such as Victoria Alexandra, daughter of Edward VII, or the signature of a monarch - William IV, say. Ms Dupre will not be bidding for the Queen's letters. She fears that her regular customers, who are devoted to the Royal family, might disapprove. And Mr Browning, seemed grateful to see the last of his "Chosen Race" letter. He has built a reputation as a dealer in early Elizabethan letters and regards Royal letters written within living memory, especially those by living Royals, as "private and possibly troublesome". Ms Dupré adds: "How would you like your letters to be published all over the place?"

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Detail & Inset: Letter, written in 1922, in which Albert, the Duke declares "I am sure the British Israelite business is true. I have read a lot about it lately and everything no matter how large or small points to our being 'the Chosen Race'". The British Isrealite theory was not a fantasy of his alone. Conjecture that the 10 lost tribes of Israel reappeared in Britain dates from Victorian times.

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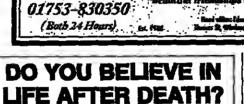
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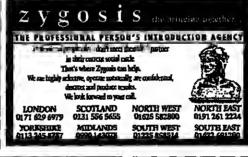
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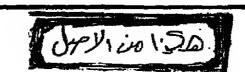
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A playwright who had been, for them, a living affront to decency had hrought off one last outrage after his death, a posthumous stab at the delicate a posthumous stab at the delicate. icate sensibilities of Middle England. In doing it, what's more, he had opened the way for a fresh assault on two of the paper's favourite targets, Channel 4 and the favourite targets, Channel 4 and the changeable, but their article, and synonymous with "great television writer" or "exemplar of artistic" and Karnoke, Potter's last two works surrounded it, prompted some for television, are reported to contain no less than 40 "f-words", something of an embarrassment for the BBC in particular, which had

ran a caption in the Daily Mail this week. The story it ompanied might have been enjoy this new yent for the months of the daily Mail would be said is that the Daily Mail has as good a claim over title to the latter as of outrage, but naturally it wasn't reputation is a thing of common going to concede any surprise at the reading of the playwright's aesthetic will. He had, it wrote, "lived up to his reputation". The implication was that the language of the plays wasn't a matter of literary utation is, undeniably, something

thoughts about exactly what it is that an artist leaves behind when they die - what, in a larger sense, is the distinction between a made deathbed promises about the "legacy" and a "reputation".

thanks to the unstinting efforts of ple for whom Dennis Potter's repneed, just a malicious codicil.

The Daily Mail used both words

tike "dirty words man" or "filth storm playwright" – quite as many, writer" or "exemplar of artistic integrity". Those who want to defend the gravity of television - its potential for high seriousness -

have a strong interest in polishing



he did on television in the last five years of his life was that interview with Melvyn Bragg, an encounter in which he appeared to burn bis small remaining reserves of vital-ity with reckless prodigality.

So for supporters the screening of the two last plays is attended with a certain anxiety-will they enhance clearly what these two plays are, a or damage the reputation? Will we discover that the obituary talk of great wealth was based on paper profits, that the assets were all Potter's reputation, in glossing mortgaged? Already there are lit-over the fact that the finest work the whispers of damage limitation

hope, or Potter's own terminal reswatch them without thinking of the notoriously softening effect morphine has on self-criticism.) In the foreword to the printed text of the two plays, Potter described the works as a "summation" and "testament" to his career. The last word has overtones of the solicitor's office, but the phrase he conspicu-

ously doesn't use is "legacy". In one sense, though, that is final revelation of artistic wealth. And while an artistic legacy can be affected by a reputation, there is also something inflexibly concrete even when there was a perfectly about it, less susceptible to fond

in the air, rumours that suggest the reality may not quite match the much closer to the unsentimental little more than the Allied Dunbar pounds-and-pence tally that you olution. (I haven't seen the plays yet myself, but it will be difficult to wills—the bottom line on a life that will not earn or spend any more. In this respect the executors are still waiting to do their work on Potter's affairs, waiting for the last books to be thrown open.

Without these two works in prospect things might look a little bleak - a good case of a reputation (for influence and artistic example) which is far in advance of the actual legacy. Indeed, Potter's name is mostly invoked to identify the absence of any line of inheritance. "Where are the Potters of suitable Potter of today sull extant.

adverts ("There may be trouble ahead"), a casual horrowing which Potter, in bis savage anti-commercialism, would have despised but which, according to his fiercer critics, perfectly matches his own appropriation of other talents for his own emotional ends.

The screening of Cold Lazarus and Karaoke may change that perception yet, may well vindicate those who helieve that his reputation should be for ambition, invention and a highly moral sense of mischief, rather than just a childish desire to offend. It won't actually change his reputation as far as the Daily Mail is concerned, naturally, but it will make it a bit more difficult for them to reduce his

Nights of passion with one really bad, bad girl

Nobody does it for your insides like Sondheim does. And nobody does it for Sondheim like Maria Friedman. By Edward Seckerson



first noticed Maria Friedman in a show called Blues in the Night. Hard to miss her, really. She was the white girl. Very white, very blonde. Hot voice. Well, we thought so: she didn't. "I spent most of the rehearsal period retreating to my dressing-room and weeping. There I was from a background of classical music singing the blues with three black singers whose whole history was gospel and soul. It was in their blood. Hell, what was 1 doing there? I tried copying them - I tried the scatting, the improvising. Big mistake, Then it finally dawned. Look, I'm a white English girl singing American music. I can only make it musical and heartfelt...

So there she was, the first preview, nervous as hell, but heartfelt, when this voice from the gallery yells, "Sing, ya bitch!" Back to the dressing-room. More tears. More self-recriminations. But at the interval, co-star Carole Woods is hanging on ber door: "Way to go, girl!" Apparently, "Sing, ya bitch" is right up there with "Diva" or "You're had" in the compliment stakes. So Maria Friedman was had, really bad. And that was good. "I'd learnt a valuable lesson: you can only tap into what you have to say, what you've got to offer. I needed to go far enough down the wrong road to bring me very

swiftly to the right one. Which was not, as her parents might have envisaged, the straight and narrow path to a classical career. Her father Leonard (who died only last year) was an accomplished violinist, and you'll find her brother Richard occupying the leader's chair in a number of London orchestras, among them the New Queen's Hall Orchestra. The plan was for Maria to become a cellist. And we're not talking rank and file. But Maria was impatient. It was the old story; her musicality romped ahead of ber technical ability. She was, by temperament, a soloist, but in practice she was not about to buckle down to the kind of rigorous regimes that a solo career (to say nothing of her parents) demanded. "I couldn't isolate myself in that way. And it was frustrating. I had something to say, but not the means to say it. Actually, it was only when I began working as an actress that I realised what the problem was. I'm very disciplined as an actress, but it's a different kind of discipline. You do a lot of work in your head, a lot of work when you're walking, gardening, cooking, socialising. You are part of

the real world, not locked away from it." So there was the solution: become an actress and see the world. The real world. How's that for a paradox. But then think of the millions for whom Maria Friedman was the social worker Trish Baynes in BBC TV's Casualtv. When art imitates life, who's to say where one ends and the other begins? But Friedman is a realist. With a secret weapon; her music. She brings ber musicality to her acting, and vice versa - the one feeds the other. And it's a potent combination. Watch her as Fosca in Stephen Sondheim's Pussion, an extraordinary performance (and an extraordinary physical transformation - not so very white, not so very blonde) currently on display at the Queen's

performance. She has such expressive hands: it's like she's forming the words with her hands, shaping them, releasing them. And the voice: there's so much tension in the line, you feel it could snap. It's dangerous, this highly strung quality. Dangerous but intoxicating. If there is a break in the voice, the ear doesn't bear it: this lady belts into the stratosphere.

"You're right - I don't appear to have a break in the voice. It's a natural mix between chest and head right up to B flat. I'm lucky. I don't have to think about it. I don't have that problem of leaving my chest voice and going into a kind of choir-boy top ... it's a muscle that works for me. But, you know, I still don't consider that I have a voice, at least not in the sense that real singers have voices. I prefer to call myself a communicator. The most important thing for me is that it means something, that the thought and word are carried forward on the musical line. I'm not interested in changing the vowel sound - you know, like opera singers do - to make the most beautiful sound possible. I don't mind ugly sounds or shocking sounds. It's more important to me that the sounds reflect my thoughts - so if it's a romantic thought, I'll put more air in the chords are pulling you. So that, for example, voice. Don't get me wrong, it's not colouring by numbers, but your speaking voice does change according to what you're expressing. So it's the same with singing. And I believe that you should sing only when the emotional stakes are so high that you can no longer speak."

Now there's a remark. Is that Maria Friedman talking, or Stephen Sondheim? Either way, it goes to the very beart of what the book-and-song" musical is - or should be all about: the word made song made flesh. And, as Friedman berself puts it, "Nobody does it for your insides like Sondheim does." They first met following a benefit at Drury Lane where she sang "Broadway Baby" from Follies. "He found me at the party afterwards and said: Who are you?' Not much of an opening line, but I thought I'd died and gone to heaven." She was at the National Theatre in a play called Ghetto at the time. Sondheim caught it the following night and, unbeknown to her, lobhied for her to play Dot in the National Theatre's forthcoming production of Sunday in the Park with George. She had died and gone to heaven.

And in the words of the song from that show, it was suddenly a case of "Stop worrying where you're going - move on." Nobody does it for your insides like Sondheim, but nobody does it for your vocal cords like him, either. the muscularity, the complex rhythms, the odd and demanding intervals of his vocal writing. She isn't at all fazed by it, she doesn't consider it: "It all comes from somewhere; there's a reason for every note. It's only problematic if you don't carry the sense, the thought, into the vocal line. You need to be strong, you need a solid instrument, a good range, quick reflexes; the mood might change seven or eight times in one that they're me and I'm them, and we're one. song - vou can be saying one thing, thinking another, doing another, all in one phrase. And perfect intonation. Very important. You have Theatre. There's an "operatic" quality to her to have a good ear for harmony, for where the





The many faces of Maria Friedman: relaxing in her dressing-room at the Queen's; as Trish Baynes in Casualty; and as Fosca, the tortured heroine of Sondheim's Passion

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an F sbarp flattens to become more of a G flat because the chord is G flat." Singing actress? Acting musicologist, more like.

Friedman is inquisitive by nature. She asks a lot of questions of her material. You bear it in the phrasing. Singing the song isn't enough, she bas to perform it. When she was at school. they wouldn't have her in the choir, hut there was this one "mad" music teacher who'd dig out classic songs and pass them round the class like sweets. And once a term, each pupil would get to do their song. Maria's always went down well.

But they had to be the right songs. Just as they bave to be the right parts. New work - new plays, new songs - that's important to ber. To be up there at the sharp end. She isn't worried about "so-called failures" (and she's known a few), so long as the challenge is really worth the taking. When she put together her Olivier Award-winning one woman show Maria Friedman by Special Arrangement (and by fair means and foul, a conspiracy of friends and associates press-ganged her into that one), she was all too aware that every single number, every choice she made, was saying something about herself. This time it really was personal. Sondheim himself gave her notes. One in particular struck home. She had to think of the show as more than a collection of songs, but rather as one Every number a work-out. Friedman thrives on song, one great stretch from the first she sang to the last. Is that all?

You know, I was thinking on my way to the theatre today how difficult it is to get a handle it un-vocal. I don't suppose it is, if you can sing on life - to order it and shape it. But when you're in a show, that's exactly what you get to do for the two hours or so on stage. During that time, you are in control. It's a beautiful way of ordering and crystallising your feelings and sharing them with your audience. I always feel That makes my heart beat faster." Ours, too.

> 'Passion' is at the Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5040)



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TELEVISION Eskimo Day (BBC1)

Jack Rosenthal hits the spot with his portrayal of family tensions. By Jasper Rees

skimo Day, about parents escorting their children to university interviews, was set in Cambridge because these things always are. Unless they're set in Oxford. WGBH Boston would doubtless have balked at stumping up co-production funds for a script set anywhere else. Just this once Cambridge was thematically as well as financially the logical choice. The rite of passage Jack Rosenthal put his characters through sage Jack Rosenthal put his characters inrough—
the moment when parents realise their children
don't need them — happens to every family.
Locating it at an ancient university strapped an
extra load of baggage to the roof-rack.

The two families the drama mainly followed
hailed from either side of the Watford Gap, allow-

ing fresh oppositions on the usual subjects: class, education, money. In one dialogue between the fathers, Tom Wilkinson's tyrannical southerner and David Ross's pliant northerner, the tables were beautifully turned: while dad from Blackburn boasted of taking his son to every Rovers' home game, the Cheltenham pater dredged up a memory of chaperoning his daughter to horse trials at 11. "That's just one at random," he blustered, but from that hint you knew it was the only one.

The script carefully posted its various parents at different points on the pH scale of ghastliness, but they all contrived to cause maximum exasperation in their offspring. Only when released from the urge to vent their spleen did the two interviewees, queuing on the staircase together, get to unmask a need for approval. "Do you like Blur?" asked one. "Do

you?" came the defensive reply.
You could possibly land Rosenthal in the dock for erring towards the diagrammatic in his portrait of filiality. Among the minor characters, two more young hopefuls were diametrically opposed: a tart girl with a hands-on dad and a vague boy with a hands-off mum. And in the sub-plot about the interviewing don with a parental problem of his own (a satisfying cameo twirl for Alec Guinness). Resenthal perhaps took his theme that every child turns into their parent a little too literally: how many dons are actually sons of dons?

Camhridge fully justified its presence in a satisfying denouement in which Wilkinson's character's boast of attending the old alma mater turned out to be hollow. If this felt implausible, let us not forget Jeffrey Archer's fictional debut as a student of Oxford University. The only Oxford character here, incidentally, was a BA going for an interview as a waitress. Trust the other place to bring a shaft of realism to the cobbled streets of light comedy.

CLASSICAL MUSIC New London Consort

Music for Holy Week, originally intended for a north Italian church, made for a performance of delicate artistry and secure musicianship. By Andrew Stewart



Ringing in the old: the New London Consort celebrate Passiontide according to the ancient rites of Cividale del Friuli

It takes considerable faith to transcribe an obscure manuscript established immediately by the New London Consort, immacuof 13th-century religious dramas and then present the results in the near-alien environment of a modern concert hall. Philip Pickett is no stranger to musical archaeology. His latest excavations have uncovered a sequence of works originally intended for per-formance in Holy Week at the collegiate church of S Maria Assunta in the northern Italian town of Cividale del Friuli, magnificently revived by the New Folkers of Sidney of Sidney or the Queen Elizabeth Hall.

The emotional heart of Pickett's Cividale discoveries is supplied by two Easter dramas, one dealing with the laments of Mary at the Cross, the other with the visitation of Mary Magdalene to the holy sepulchre. These were framed with a variety of processional hymns, chants and simple polyphonic pieces, performed by a dozen singers dressed austerely in white robes and cowls. A chamber organ, unfussily played by David Roblou, and three handbells provided occasional contrast, while the dramas were done by a small team of first-class solo voices. The whole package was staged with the minimum of props and the greatest dignity.

One could argue without fear of contradiction in this life that the Cividale dramas have never been performed with such delicate artistry and secure musicianship as here, qualities obvious from the first processional hymn "Gloria laus" and reinforced soon after in the heautiful "O crux gloriosa", its sensuous melodic undulations phrased with subtle charm. At the veneration of the cross, the unaffected, folk-soog nature of "Pange, lingua, gloriosi" was

late in its ensemble and finely balanced, but also responsive to the hymn's vivid textual imagery.
Simon Grant's eloquent solo delivery of "Velum templi scissum

est", a powerful musical description of the reoding of the temple's voil and the dialogue between Jesus and the thief, was almost too cultivated and poised to register the full drama of the narrative. I can think of a few slightly seedy priests from nameless parishes who might struggle to negotiate the chaot's tricky vocal line but who, by God, would deliver its impassioned words as if they were their own. The soloists in the Easter dramas, singing from memory, offered a captivating balance of tonal beauty and textual expression, with Catherine Bott outstanding as the Blessed Virgin in the "Planctus Mariae". Unaccompanied singing may not be the only test of a good voice, but it surely tells whether a performer can communicate with and hold an audience. Bott's beautiful, intelli-gent and entirely persuasive account of Mary's grief was genuinely moving, her meza voce control and wide range of vocal colour adding to the intensity of the drama.

Philip Pickett, looking suitably monkish as the ruler of the choir, intervened only as required, offering a downbeat here or elsewhere gently tapping a handbell at a significant momeot in the drama. Nice work if you can get it. But then Pickett's efforts had already been skilfully directed into the transcription of the source material and, clearly, into the thorough preparation of his singers.

THEATRE The Fruit Has Turned... Young Vic

Adrian Turpin watches a postmodem homage to the sitcom 'Dad's Army'

ad's Army has a lot to answer for. For me, it was a decade of gloomy television as a child and 20 years of mournful repeats ever since. And now, just as the spectre of Captain Mainwaring seemed to have receded for ever, along comes Scarlet Theatre's The Fruit Has Turned to Jam in the Fields, a curious postmodern hommage to the La Frenais / Clement sitcom.

For anyone who hasn't seen the original (if that's possible), it was essentially Bilko with ration books. Mainwaring, a self-important bank manager, leads Warmington-on-Sea's Home Guard in the 1939-1945 war. Sergeant Wilson. Mainwaring's second-in command, is ineffectual but intrinsically decent, while Wilson's stepnephew Pike, the platoon's youngest member, is an innocent abroad, if not idiot child. What the all-women Scarlet Theatre have done in this semi-devised piece is to take this scenario and reflect it in a series of distorting mirrors. The sitcom's cosy war has been replaced by a vaguely apocalyptic conflict, and Mainwaring, Wilson and Pike have become Mandarin, Winsome and Trout, alter egos of three librarians cut off from the world in what seems to be a country library.

They spend much time leaping in and out of cupboards. They slip swiftly between their sitcom personae and what remains of their pre-war characters. They fantasise about clothes made of Liberty floral lawn and about marrying one another. There's an erotic tussle for a half-sucked humbug. They quote John Donne and talk a lot about being sweet bushes about to be plucked. In short, they digress, then digress from their digressions.

Basing characters on Mainwaring, Wilson and Pike isn't quite as crazy as it first seems. There's dramatic mileage in this trio of toy soldiers - the proud, the semi-detached, the frightened especially when the librarians' desperate high spirits are conveyed with such gusto as here by Amanda Hadingue, Jane Guernier and Maeve Larkin. But as the play moves from a major to a deadly minor key, energetic charm isn't enough to tie it together. It's like standing by a dance floor watching others lose themselves in music. First you will them on, excited by their excitemeot. Then you wonder what drives them on. And, finally, there's a sense of exclusion, faced with someone else's secret, imponderable, self-indulgent pleasure.

Young Vic Studio, London SE1 (0171-928 6363) to 20 April, then an tour



'I was raised in an awful place called Brooklyn, New York. I had no trinkets at all'

very young girl who would much Drather be out skipping through wild flowers in a spring field than being showbiz, screamed at by 30 journalists at the "I had Landmark Hotel in Marylebone. Maybe I am being duped. Maybe the moment Barry Manilow is out of sight he stops the fragile bunny routine and starts yelling angrily at his servants. But Barry, I am convinced, is delightful to his very core, and when it all goes horribly wrong and the journos turn against him like a pack of wild dogs, my beart goes out to him. It is Tuesday, and Barry has just announced his intention

Trust. He wants to help poor youngsters and give them tips about how to get into

"I had nothing," he whispers. "I was raised in an awful place called Brooklyn, New York, which was just awful. I had no trinkets at all. No trinkets."

"Poor Barry, no trinkets," I discover myself saying, with no malice. My child-hood suffered from a trinket deficiency also (assuming that Barry's definition of a "trinket" is the same as mine thimbles, little silver knick-knacks and such) but one gets the feeling that Barry would have more of an urgent need for young people of today?

marry Manilow looks - close up - like to be an ambassador for the Prince's trinkets than most of us could ever conceive. Barry Manilow is, indubitably, a trinket type.

So, just as I'm catching his eye and giving him a private cheering smile, the barrage begins. Somehow, an unspoken resolution has been made among the press pack - to be scornful of Barry Manilow and all that he says.

"Have you heard of Oasis?

"How can you appeal to youngsters if you've never heard of Oasis?"

"What on Earth can you offer to

Barry wails. "Honestly. I mean it. I to help!"

"And what will you tell them?" "How to be famous," squeaks Barry. "Phhhwhhh."

At first this mordant nastiness is a welcome relief from the usual celebrity press-conference scenario, which is customarily played out like a tennis match between the Care Bear Bunch, questions and answers volleyed around like little bundles of joy. But today there is an anger in the air, which came from nowhere and is making two people in the room very unhappy: Barry, and a

who rises to his feet, surveys the room with a steely fury, and asks his question. "Can I just begin by saying," he snaps, "how marvellous you look today." A

small gasp goes up around the crowd. "It is lovely to see you," be continues. "Especially looking so healthy and

full of colour. This is my question... The room falls strangely silent.

"How do you manage," says the man, "to keep so healthy looking?" There is a long pause.

"Good health and happiness," replies Barry, quietly.

Barry looks at the man for a moment

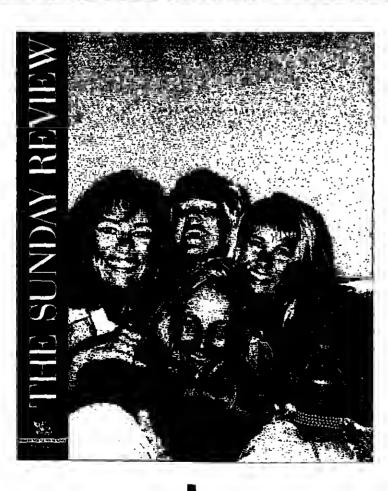
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"Thank you," says the man. "Thank you, Barry.

And then it begins again. "Do you honestly see a role for the Royal Family in today's modern society?" asks the man from the Daily Star,

chuckling quietly. "How can you asso-ciate yourself with such an outdated institution?" An audible gasp is heard from the

crowd, now suitably admonished. "I won't answer that question," says Barry firmly, flashing a sudden gaze of disgust at the throng. "Next?"



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overview

Samuel Adamson's elliptical and impric debut about twentysomethings and the demands of idendship and sexual identity marks artistic director Dominic Dromgoole's departure from

Counterbalancing Hollywood's "Killers in Kilts" view of Scotland (Braveheart) comes Gillies Mackinnon's coming-ofage story written with his brother Billy about three Glaswegian brothers in the

Leah Hausman directs Dale Rapley and Louise Gold in Neil Bartlett and Nicolas Bloomfield's Intimate musical adaptation of the mysterious novella-by David Garnett about a woman who inexplicably turns into a fox,

critical view

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allusive contedy ... not without blemishes but it's a promising play. "Protound, subtle and full of human insight ... sparkles with surface hilarity," cheered the New Statesman. "Dromgoole has discovered yet another striking, sophisticated dramatist ... puts one in mitted of Isherwood's Berlin," saluted the Times: 'Little touches that make an already touching and amusing play delicious," smiled the FT. "A fitfully entertaining and notably well-acted produced," sniffed the Telegraph.

Paul Taylor praised its "knowing.:

Adam Mars-Jones admired visually accomplished film-making with a "bona fide family tragedy plot". "Pounds of charm, ounces of sharp observation and several grams of wit," declared the FT. "Unsentimental honesty ... funny and engrossing ... very moving," No 1 Choice, Time Out. "A finely cratted and powerful exposition of childhood. powerful evocation of childhood ... the Mackinion brothers clearly write from the heart," heraided the Times, "The way it turns from corredy into darkness shows a pretty clear eye," approved the Guardian. "A yery wondrous film," breathed the New Statesman.

Clare Bayley was entranced. The story is fabulous ... In every aspect the production works splendidly. "Peculiar, fantastic, erotic. The music shimmers with unresolved tensions," declared the FT. "Gloriously unpredictable.....an evening full of both bark and bite... reaches its climax in a scene of quite appalling erotic electricity," sang the Guardian. "Splendidly sombre and Bloomfield's music is especially beguiling praised Time Out. So marveliously odd and refreshingly original that it seems ungrateful to grumble, grumbled the Times.

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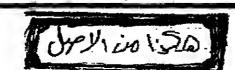
25-year-old Adamson's play is a fitting close to Dromgoole's rich and memorable period as artistic director. He will be succeeded by Mike

Winner of Best British Film award at last year's Edinburgh restival with a notable performance from Clare

A pungent and powerful story and a vividly Iramatic song-cycle



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Despatches from Dragon Land

Is the travel book doomed to vanish up the Limpopo? Philip Marsden celebrates the vivid diversity of literary voyaging

he travel book is dead. Travel writing once had its place in literature, but no more. Now that we choose our destinations like exotic fruit in a supermarket, we do not need to read about them. Guide books are what's required, not travel books. At some point in the middle of the 1980s, travel writing experienced a great hoom in its numbers, stripped its habitat hare, and no amount of scavenging in faraway places could provide it with sufficient nourishment.

At about the same time, and adding to this fatal fecundity, I helped to edit an anthology of travel writing for the Spectator. Now, skimming down the contents page of the hook, 1 can see the position was already clear: "The Lost Art of Travel Writing", "Ruined by the Holiday Writers", "Is the Travel Book Dead?" Yet this last piece, by Kingsley Amis, had been written in 1955; a decade earlier, Evelyn Waugh had also pronounced the end of travel writ-

ing, cinng the vulgar ease of modern travel.

That some of the century's finest travel books were yet to be published is a gratifying riposte to these two crabby old reactionaries. It is my contention - and there is more than a hint of selfdefence in it - that rather than kill off travel writing, mass travel has actually improved it. Forced out of the literalism that spawned it, travel writing has had to try harder, to become more inventive. But going further, finding the most remote places to visit, and ever more bizarre ways to get there, never by itself made a travel book any better.

For me the delight of travel began with Nasa's Apollo 11. A keen astronomer, I was spending every cloudless night with a telescope pointed up out of my bedroom window. I was eight-and-a-quarter and driven less hy the spirit of scientific inquiry (I couldn't make head nor tail of the astronomy books than by the dizzying idea of space. I remember the anticipation of the take-off, the four-day journey, the fuzz of the black-and-white TV. I remember Neil Armstrong hopping about like a hell-diver and a strange feeling of disappointment. It reminded me of a cross between Dr Who and Tintin. The moon landing, as JG Ballard has said, was not what it should bave been because we'd all been there before; science fiction bad got there first.

The story of literary travel-writing has been one of a similar struggle between wonder and disappointment, between discovery and scepticism. In the beginning it was easy. Accounts of the classical geographers, of Marco Polo and Sir John Mandeville, found a ready audience. The chap-books of 16thcentury Europe were full of places where men crept across the savannah with eyes in their chest, airborne dragons filled the sky, and rivers flowed only on Saturdays. No one questioned the veracity of these stories. Creation, it was assumed, would always exceed man's ability to invent it.

With the Enlightenment came a less credulous age and the earth shrank. When the first of the great African explorers, James Bruce, returned from Abyssinia in the late 18th century, his account of the country's excesses -though subsequently proved accurate - was dismissed as a pack of lies.

As a result Victorian travellers adopted a rigorously sceptical attitude. They took with them the baggage of their age - the analogue equipment for measuring things, the Linnaean system for naming them. They wanted to sboot game and save souls, discover places and call them Victoria; they endured fabulous hardships with the coolest of heads. They wrote knowing it was sufficient just to have been to outlandish places, and their books as a result are largely unreadable. In the hands of most Victorian travellers, the poetic myth of the journey was sacrificed for a prosaic record of achievement. A few books stand out from these dry accounts - George Borrow wrote some of them, Kinglake another his Eothen launched the modern travel book. Published in 1844, as a rough-edged account of a Levantine journey, it actually took nine years to write and belies a precise structure, and a wealth of ideas that still seem fresh.

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It is a peculiar feature of travel writing that it doesn't travel. Classic travel books in this country remain unheard of in the United States. Theroux and Bryson have had to come over here to do it.



Even in Europe, only the Dutch seem to see the point. Why this is so is the source of much saloon bar debate: there is some consensus that if travel is escape, then the English are escaping the strange antics of their class system.

If that is so, it would help to explain the great number of literary refugees in the inter-war years. Lawrence, Huxley, Durrell, Graves were all in some way escaping the bourgeoisie. Whereas many of their forebears found confirmation of their own superiority abroad, this new generation was less convinced. Graham Greene, by his own admission, travelled out of boredom and in search of fear. Evelyn Waugh out of impecunity and in search of jokes. These writers as a rule were not good travellers; the rigours of hard travel became less a badge of merit than the source of defensive humour. But their

doubts and bumanity generally made for much bet-

ter travel books. The most enduring of the 1930s travel writers, however, was not a novelist. Robert Byron travelled more like the Victorians, suffering great discomfort and concerning himself with the march of civilisation. His impetus was intellectual; he was always a traveller with a thesis. Now that moving around was hecoming quicker (In First Russia, Then Tibet, Byron takes one of the first passenger planes to India), the exploration of the links between places grew more important than their physical distance. The Road to Oxiana is an attempt to trace the origins of Islamic architecture, but it is not this that

makes it memorable. It is the chance encounters, the masterly reconstruction of the ironies and misbaps that characterise a real journey. Like Eothen, The Road to Ociana appears simple hut is finely-wrought; and like Eothen, it remains the most influential travel book of its time.

While travel books continued to be published after the war - Freya Stark, Rose Macauley and Norman Lewis, among others, maintained a steady stream of them - the mid-Seventies saw the start of a new phase. The Sixties had changed everything; travelling bad become a mass rite of passage, and it was no surprise that the travel boom was followed by a travel-writing boom; the two bave always developed in parallel. But what bas been remarkable is the revolution in form. With the linear journey now commonplace, the travel book began to move beyond its borders to snatch corners of neighhouring genres. Journeys were springboards for

more or less anything. Those books which simply report a journey have tended not to survive and the enduring works bave been those which are something else. Jonathan Raban's Coasting is as much autohiography as travel; Andrew Harvey's A Journey in Ladakh is a spiritual quest. Likewise, the past bas become another place to explore, and the works of Jan Morris and Colin Thubron have contributed more to an understanding of their subjects than any number of self-defensive and turgid academic tomes.

When Bruce Chatwin died in 1989, Colin Thubron wrote that if there was some feature common to his work, it was a fascination with the hizarrerie of the world. But in attempting to express it Chatwin found the traditional tag of "travel writer" wildly inappropriate. His travel writing drew liberally on the imagination, and in both The Viceroy of Outdah and Songlines, his fiction grew out of his travels. Yet rather than escaping the confines of travel writing. Chatwin simply highlighted its enormous possibilities.

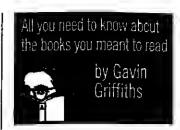
It has been said that modern travel writers are failed povelists, that lacking the imagination to concoct sto-

ries in their own room, they have to go in search of them. To this I would plead; guilty! I would gather have five minutes of a stranger's life than all the books in the world. Room-bound novelists are surely unfulfilled travel writers; works of pure imagination will always pale beside the real world and even Coleridge drew on James Bruce's travels for "Kubla Khan".

The earth is shrinking, fast becoming covered with a sort of patterned carpet of conformity, but it is still very big. True, we can get to most countries in less than a day; true, when we get there we will probably find everyone wearing Reeboks. But this is veneer. The world has not lost its capacity to surprise. It remains possible to be sent reeling by the sudden revelation of another life, by the elimpse of a world unimaginably different from our own. Travel writing, at its best, reflects both the surface of things and their essence, eschews literalism for more abstract truths, and in doing so reminds us not only of man's diversity but also our under-

Last summer, in a village on the Russian steppe, a woman was telling me of the life of lies under Soviet rule. "But I suppose governments tell lies everywhere," she sighed. "I mean, did you see those men on the moon? Well, they didn't go to the moon at all you know. They took them to some place and just said it was the moon." And perhaps there's more revealed in that statement than in the whole of the Nasa space programme.

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PORTRAIT OF A LADY (1881) by Henry James

Plot: The "portrait" depicts Isabel Archer, a poorish New Englander who is whisked away by her rich aunt to Europe, and into a wealthy and cultured society. Our beroine has éclat: she is clever and beautiful and is soon pursued by two "princes" - Caspar Goodwood, an American businessman who personifies "hard materialism", Lord Warburton, an effete English liberal - and a monster: Gilbert Osmond, an American ex-patriate who loves beauty but has a soul of flint. He is accompanied by his daughter, Pansy, and the sleekly gruesome Madame Merle. Isabel opts for the ogre helieving he will make her cultured. Instead he proves to be a frigid collector who imprisons her in good taste. Eventually Isabel realises that Merle is Osmond's mistress, and Pansy is their child. Isabel realises her mistake, but to protect Pansy, finally decides to spent the rest of her life immured with Osmond.

Theme: "A young woman affronting her destiny" (James). If Isabel is free to choose, she is free to choose wrongly. Even her final self-sacrifice is morally questionable. Americans have energy and innocence, Europeans sophistication and art. They speak different languages.

Style: The prose "depends for its effect a good deal on the sound of a voice, painfully explaining... the complication is due to a determination not to simplify and lose any of the by-paths of mental movement" (TS Eliot).

Chief strengths: James is the "historian of fine consciences" (Conrad), James' characters think intelligently about the labyrinth of their lives, but are still capable of getting lost. Isabel begins as a prig but grows through suffering - the pat formula of cheap fiction is well reworked as high tragedy.

Chief weakness: As James explores Isabel's mind, the novel loses its grip on the

What they thought of it then: 'The novel was relatively popular and gave James a glimpse of the fame that he craved all bis life.

What we think of it now: Admired rather than read. FR Leavis, no slouch with the crushing putdowns, praised it as "an original masterpiece, one of the great novels of the language". US critics tend to reclaim James by lumping him with the Transcendentalists (whoever they are).

Responsible for: Narrowing the focus of interest in the Victorian novel. James made it respectable for writers to ahandon social analysis and concentrate on individual psychology. Fictional characters no longer needed proper jobs; they had feelings instead.

Bonking on the rostrum

Vicky Ward finds Jilly Cooper's orchestral saga troppo adagio for its own good

he most misleading thing about Jilly Cooper's latest bonkhustet, Appassionata, is the title. Named after Beethoven's piano sonata it evokes notions of power, grandiloquence, tempestuousness and shuddering orgasms. The Cooper fan is deceived into thinking, joyfully, that after three years' impatient wait it is time once more to revel in the torrid sex-lives of the upper class residents of Rutshire, Cooper's famous fictitious county, where, for three steamy previous sagas, the denizens have enjoyed so many rolls in haystacks, glasses of champagne and competitive backstabbing in the stable-yard, it's a mir-

acle any of them survive beyond 40. Tragically this is not the case in Appassionata. Cooper relegates the horse-riding lustful Rutshire contingent, of whom we are so fond, to the background, foregrounding instead the county's symphony orchestra. The result is a wholesale loss of the Dynasty-style glamour that has previously comprised much of Cooper's escapist appeal. Monsoon replaces Armani; French horns replace polo stick and gruff vowels from the North and Ireland take the place of the

The transformation doesn't work because Cooper can't leave her home territory behind. If she wanted to write a novel about the sex lives of Appassionata Bantam Press, £16.99

musicians she would have done well not to set it in Rutshire on the doorstep of her earlier womanising equestrian hero Rupert Campbell-Black. Instead she tries, unsuccessfully, to merge the two worlds, by over-glamorising the orchestra, exaggerating its importance in the community and turning its members into ludicrous caricatures in the process.

Being musicians, rather than equestrian athletes, the only way her male beroes can prove their virility is to bonk and drink their brains out every time the orchestra gets a hreak from rehearsal. At one point Abby, the heroine conductor asks her lead violinist about the hero, Viking, a French Horn player: "Does he work out?" Answer. "Only how to get the next lay..." The humour doesn't begin to compare with the far more natural Campbell-Black's public-school chauvinisi natrative. In a Colombian convent he finds the herbal tea so disgusting he is convinced "it's made with

Sister Agatha's beard shavings."

The plot too, is strained. Bared hreasts, fornication and sabotage have long been part of the stableyard scene but on a conductor's rostrum? When Abby, whom the orchestra members are initially inclined to dislike just because of her sex, accidentally whips off her T-shirt to reveal "a pair of stunning breasts", the situation is too absurd to be funny.

the sheer size of an orchestra makes it difficult to remember which character is which - an obstacle she hasn't quite overcome since on page 480 June, the flautist, is substituted by an unknown character, Julie. But even the main characters are so thinly drawn that we wouldn't care if they all committed mass suicide, let alone care about a sacked musician. All it ness about Appassionata's predecestakes for viola player Flora Seymour to fall for the man she spends the bulk Jealous, but by comparison the latter of the book despising is for him to look after her dog for a few hours. "I sionata, Cooper, one feels, is tired. misjudged you - you're a sweet guy," she says and promptly falls in love, a glimmer of hope. Some of the best disingenuously ignoring the class, cultural and age gaps between them.

political incorrectness of Rupert only genuinuely moving story-line his homosexuality and embarkation on a gay love affair. Maybe she took a leaf out of Jane Austen's book, because here it seems Cooper delib- her next, far herrer, bonkbuster.

erately restrains herself from writing about what she hasn't personally experienced. The gay sex scene is sensitively written and not overblown.

Alas, the same cannot be said of it heterosexual counterparts. They are cold, trite, mechanical and surprisingly lacking in energy. Clichés such as "This time the metronome never faltered" and "Then she thought of Cooper has already admitted that nothing except George" are used to polish off one or two lines of mundane love-making, instead of the customary one or two pages. There is far less distinction between villainous (sadomasochistic) sex and loving sex than is usual in Cooper's work; and of funny sex - Cooper's trademark there is little sign at all. Many critics detected a certain melancholy wearisor, The Man Who Made Husband's is a joyful Spring romp. In Appas-For Cooper fans, there is, however,

chapters centre round the Campbell-Blacks' adoption of two Colom-Strangely, perhaps, the only book's bian babies - one of whom, Xavier, s facially disfigured, and an instincconcerns a young man's acceptance of tive horseman who is adored by his giamorous father. If she is sensible Ma Cooper will realise she has already created the bare bones of the plot for



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Meddling with molasses and tinkering with tea

Britain's record of interference in America is almost as bad as America's record of humbug and propaganda. By Edward Pearce

A Struggle for Power:

The American Revolution

by Theodore Draper, Little, Brown, £25

ritain has a sentimental view of the United States, which has a distinctly sentimental view of itself. We have a legend of hrotherly affection, briefly interrupted. They have one of heroic liberation from unspeakable tyranny. Theodore Draper's excellent, reasonable and very readable study is concerned with the roots of American Independence. And having read a mass of secondary, but unfamiliar material, he explains. Very roughly, the British, as imperial power across the previous century, had heen indolent, self-seeking and wrong about economics - mercantilists instead of freetraders. Also we carried negligence in colonial relations to celestial heights before switching first to unconsidered medding – the Stamp Act and tea duties – then to blind panic.

The Americans, or rather the key Americans in the key places, were hyperbolic, manipula-tive provincials like Italian foothallers writhing around in search of a penalty. They turned British flea-bites into slavery while black men were whipped in the cottonfields of patriots in good standing. There were exceptions to the complementary awfulness. Lord Dartmouth showed some intelligence on the British side, Beojamin Franklin spent years as a conciliat-ing force. Even so, one puts down Mr Draper's book regretting that, between British hobs

American humbugs, they couldn't both lose. Of course, hindsight tells us that American independence was inevitable and should have happened in the smooth, astute way of Canada and Australia. But the prime American movers for it, with their tarring-and-featherings of opponents and the bombastic self-pity of their propaganda, inspire no affection. Listen to Joseph Warren on "the Boston Massacre": "our streets were stained with the blood of our hrethren, when our ears were wouoded by the groans of the dying, and our eyes were to be tormeoted with the sight of the mangled bodies of the dead". (Sounds like Sinn Fein.)

As Draper observes, the "massacre", "was the outcome of an exchange of insults between a colonial ropemaker and a British private, a colonial mob had attacked a British sectry, oo official order bad been giveo to fire..." and a colonial jury acquitted officer and men of the deaths of five people. The event was nevertheless to serve from 1771 to 1783 as an American holy day until replaced by the Fourth of July.

But how is this for enlightenment? The government of George III had issued the Quebec act of 1774, giving the French Catholic majortty there freedom of religion plus Freoch civil law. The first American continental congress in its "Address to the Peoples of Great Britain", ment should ever consent to establish in that trying to govern Virginia.



'Unconsidered meddling': The Stamp Act of 1765 caricatured in the Boston Gazette. Britannia (seated) hands it to an uninterested assembly of Liberty (on ground), Mercury (wealth) and Minerva (wisdom)

country a religion that has deluged your island in blood and dispersed impiety, bigotry and per-secution, murder and rebellion through every part of the world,"

Another address, directed to the Catholic Freoch Canadians, accused the British of failing to give them their irrevocable rights. The Know-Nothings (anti-Catholic, anti-Jewish, antiimmigrant) were to be a force in 19th-century America. (So were sellers of Brooklyn Bridge.) But against the virulence and dishonesty of Boston orators in the Seventies, Draper sets British colonial government across the century, if it can be called government. High in impor-We know too well a sanitised picture of tance among his sources are the dispatches of enlightenment America - Augustan prose and Lieutenant-Governors of US colonies. The imeots of universal but coosidered liberty. practice was to appoint as Governor some grand personage, often an absentee, and to leave the toil to a lieutenant, ofteo a former officer, perhaps like Colonel Alexander Spotswood, one who had deserved well through service under Marlborough. Someone who might today have become the secretary of a golf club or found himexpressed astonishment that "a Britisb Parlia- self, over the second decade of the 18th century, account that Massachussetts and Rhode Island

His first problem was to get his own salary paid, and as the expense lay with the colonial assembly, he was often reduced to despairing correspondence home. But he was talking to an authority which chose not to exercise itself. For on an informal day-to-day basis, American inde-pendence already existed. Only the Board of Trade troubled itself with exercising any con-trol over the colonies and the Board of Trade was sidelined.

But autonomy did not protect colonial interests. Robert Walpole fell from power 30 years before American independence, but his practice shows both the indifference of British government to those interests and its sublime

Walpole only meddled once. In 1733 he introduced the Molasses Act, a 100 per cent import tariff upon molasses produced outside the British colonies. At this time, the molasses of the French West Indies were sold briskly to New England in exchange for fish, meat, flour and lumber. The molasses were turned to such good were known as the Rum Coast. This trade in

turn financed New England's negative balance of trade with Britain.

mercial element, enormous pressure was exerted on Walpole. And in the way of Oscar

The only losers were British West Indian planters, but they were rich and wellconnected, also absentees, like those aristocratic governors. Having pull in Downing Street, they used it and got their act. All hell was promptly let loose in Britain, never mind the American colonies. "Liberty, property and no excise" become the chant and Walpole was mobbed in the street.

As for the Americans, the ageot of New York, Partridge, described the act levelly, as "divesting them of their rights and privileges as ye king's oatural-born subjects and English men in levying subsidies upon them against their consect whom they... have no Representative in Parliament oor any part of ye Legislature of the Kingdom". This just point missed the elegant subtlety of the Prime Minister who had sought to please the British planters by passing the Act and to square the Americans, in an age of generalised and

approved smuggling, by not enforcing it.

Such refined cynicism being lost on the com-

Wilde and temptation, he yielded. The Prime Minister observed that "in the present inflamed temper of the people, the act could oot be carried into execution without armed force; that there would be an eod of the liberty of England if supplies were to be raised by the sword".

The colonies might have been kept longer to be relinquished without conflict had such cool reasoning continued. But Walpole's successors did not have his lucid commercial priorities. Grandeur reared its ugly head.

It would be convincingly argued during the Seven Years War that Britain should retain its conquest of Guadaloupe, richest and most profitable of sugar islands, leaving big scrubby Canada to the French, who always kept the colonists respectful and had already spanked a Colonel Washington sent on a futile mission against a French fort.

Alas, we broke with indolence, opted for grandeur, liberated the Americans from French surveillance, meddled again and everything

Swizzles, gruntlings and lumber pie

The goofball professor of trivia is getting formulaic, thinks Robert Winder

t wouldn't be difficult to poke fun The Size of Thoughts at the insistent, deliberate and selfconscious triviality of Nicholson Baker's concerns. In four novels -The Mezzanine, Room Temperature, Vax and The Fermala - and a mazy work of literary self-criticism (U and I) he has marked out a trim but rich plot for himself in the literary landscape; and become something of a cult figure as the goofball professor of the small things in life.

There are times when he seems so gripped by, say, the capillary system oo a single leaf that he fails to see the trees, let alone alone the wood, but that, in a way, is the whole point. God, as they say, dwells in the details, and Baker has heen able to tease a pedantic kind of poetry from, among other things, the grooves on a record, the handhrake-like spreader on an ice-cuhe tray, the significance of a misquotation, and the curious whims of

His new volume of essays - his first - could easily have been called a novel. It is, like his fiction, full of po-faced footnotes and elaborate descriptions of gadgetry. His subjects are the history of punctuation (let's hear it for the semi-colash), aeroplane modelling, chocolate sauce, the mechanics of film projection, nail-clipping aesthetics, and those loose bites of unprocessed text that gather like sediment at the bottom of a computer-generated manuscript ("...owl and nrtz t, which a plastic hagn..."). But the prevailing tone is confessional: his meticulous analysis of the material world is warmed by lots of acute and goodhumoured self-examinacon.

His ideal enterprise, you feel, is not the slightest interest, and make it riveting - a splendid, risky tactic that usually works. Baker writes with enviable density: his fidgety seotences, anxious not to bore,

by Nicholson Baker Chatto, £14.99

glance about them like partygoers who don't know anyone else there. Just when you think he has exhausted the matter in hand, he finds some new swizzle to hold up to the light.

Where he stumbles - as, perhaps, in The Fermata - is when he takes as his theme something of automatic interest (sex) and subtracts, rather than adds, excitement. There, his cool appraisal of the mental manoeuvres led him to neglect the heated palpitations of the real thing. And here, in these cool, knowing essays, his eagerness to dignify the oppressed minorities of our existence sometimes leads him to cut grander themes down to size. "We must refine all epics into epigrams," he cries at one point. Big thoughts

are only small thoughts in black tie. Most of these essays appeared originally in the New Yorker, and they are certainly strong enough to be let out on their own, The final piece, in particular, is spectacular: a 150-page rumination on the literary and social career of a single word: lumber. In Baker's hands this hecomes an exquisite piece of practical criticism featuring Goethe. Shakespeare, Nabokov, Housman, Virginia Woolf and many others, a canny report on the cultural implications of electronic search methods, a detective story - he hunts down the sources pillaged in a famous lumber-couplet by Alexanto take something in which we have der Pope - and a cookery book (following a hint from Montaigne, Baker wonders whether his "lumber pie" was not a metaphorical bag of hits and bobs hut a genuine dish "a non-dairy ex-product").

It's a wonderful little book in its own right: the words "Dissertation on the Epistles of Phalaris" do not often appear on the same page as Magnavox CD-player (featuring Dynamic Bass Boost Circuitry)" But put together, these essays can at times seem just a teensy hit written to a formula - different ways of making the same point - about the emotional resonance of all those everyday objects we rarely honour with our full attention, Baker is well aware of this.

In "Rarity", written in 1983, he worries aloud about our preoccupation with the unusual: "Grants committees and arts competitions chew through the applicant pools, funding anything that moves. Contrarians trample one another to buy unfashionable stocks. 'New and Noteworthy columns take any gruntling of an innovation and give it a paragraph, a title with a pun in it, and a closecropped picture." He concludes by urging us to "pursue truth, not rar-ity. The atypical can fend for itself." The ordinary, in Baker's world, is

easily strange enough. In a way, it would be marvellous if Baker could bring himself to discuss the big emotions provoked by love, war, death etc with the same inspired diligence, the same refusal to be fooled, that he hrings to his enquiries into the metal oscillations generated by modelling glue or the index cards in public libraries. But he is too much the humourist, perhaps, to take himself seriously in such matters.

Self-deprecation, indeed, has become almost a tie. At the end of his heroic tour of the lumber-region, he apologises ("I have over-empha-sised minor borrowings... I have overquoted and overquibhled") and you rather wish he hadn't. Surely he doesn't want us to agree with him? In a way it's hurtful; it seemed like great stuff to me, but then what do I know?

A feast of Hibernian hokum

Short on opinions, accommodating to foreigners, a new Oxford guide is still a marvel, says Patricia Craig

A shat is Irish literature? According to this Companion, it includes novels set in Africa, grammars of written and spoken Japanese, and 17th-century English translations from the French, whose connection with Ireland may all be judged somewhat tenuous. The editor, you may gather, is possessed by a burning desire to be as comprehensive as possible, and indeed he has pretty well got everything in, although there are a few illogical omissions.

usual way of these Oxford Companions, alphabetically, and with entries compiled by a host of contributors. I wish Robert Welch had followed the practice of Ian Hamilton with his Oxford Companion to Twentieth Century Poetry (say) and identified the author of each piece, rather than trying for uniformity by keeping the whole thing anonymous. He has achieved a consistency of tone, indeed, but at a cost. One of his tasks as editor (he says in the preface) was to purge all the writing of "slack opinion and knowing jargon". What's happened is that the purging has left a scarcity of opinion of any sort.

It's true that one consults an Oxford Companion for facts, not assessment, and you will find many cogent and extensive definitions here - for example, of Hiberno-English, the stage frish-man and the Literary Revival. However, nearly all the entries for individual works, particularly works of fiction, come in the form of plot summaries; and it's disconcerting to detect no critical differentiation between Molly Bloom (for example) and Molly Bawn. The plot summarisers take their brief very seriously and keep a straight face even while describ-

Oxford Companion to Irish Literature, edited by Robert Welch, OUP, £25

The Albigenses, of a lunatic werewolf, a wronged and deadly sorceress and a batch of poisoned holy communion wafers. And the person into whose hands the Co Cavan novelist Anthony C West has fallen treats this author with-The book is arranged, in the out once alluding to the most striking aspect of his fiction: its unending preoccupation with

women's burns and busts. The Companion isn't at all snooty ahout its inclusions, and so we find Maeve Binchy ("warm-hearted novels... tinged with nostalgia") along with such earlier exponents of Irish banality as Rosa Mulholland and Annie MP Smithson ("district nurse and novelist"). An obscure historical work by William Buckley, Croppies Lic Down (1903) rates a meotion, and is oddly described as "painstakingly realistic" when in fact it kills off half its cast by means of hattles, duelling shooting accidents and

suicide: the whole caboodle, Even more puzzling is the ascription of "political feminism" to the author of The Rai-Pit (Patrick McGill), a lurid novel of 1915 which contains one of the most luckless, witless, passive and ignorant heroines in the whole of Irish literature. Other characters in novels are described as being "defeated by life and time" or "driven to crime and exile to support their ruined families". Many elements of hygone Hibernian hokum are

enumerated in these pages, Some things are considered ing the role, in Charles Maturin's more than once - for instance,

there's a separate entry for every story in Dubliners (some of them paraphrased very ploddingly indeed), an entry for Dubliners itself, and then quite properly a four-page entry for Joyce which traces his life and career - but not his achievement, which is

covered elsewhere. A few odd choices seem to have been made: why, for example, do we find under 'A" a paragraph devoted to a three-act play called Autumn Fire, which no one's ever heard of, but not Autumn Journal, for which we're referred back to MacNeice? Why is every novel by Joyce Cary, and not only the two set in Ireland, doggedly outlined? Why should the editor suppose that anyone in their right mind, wanting to read about Elizaheth owen, would turn first to Cole.

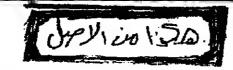
Dorothea (her middle names)? All the dominant figures of Irish letters are handled conscientiously, and at appropriate length: Swift, Yeats, Shaw, Wilde, Synge, Flann O'Brien, Heaney and the rest. There are useful entries on authors who should be better known, such as Mervyn Wall (a couple of hilarious excursions into medieval Ireland, starring the ex-monk Pursey) and works we've always meant to read but never got round to, like Jonah Barrington's Rise and Fall of the Irish Nation (1833).

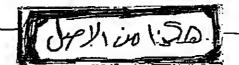
Careful reading will reveal a good deal of insight into the subdivisions of Irish nationalism, and their outlets in literature; for example, in the wake of Douglas Hyde's call for "de-Anglicisation" in 1892, Gaelic Leaguers, literary revivalists and Irish-Irelanders all believed themselves to he exclusively attuned to the national spirit, and took up their pens accordingly. Coming up to the present, we gain an inkling of such departures as the renewal of interest in the Irish language, historical revisionism and the onrush of bawdiness following the scuppering of censorship.

Attention must be drawn to some sins of omission. Synge's The Aran Islands is in, quite rightly, but not Stones of Aran by Tim Rohinson, an extraordinary, two-volume work which adds up to the last word on that pungent island. Troubles (1971), the novel that sparked off Derek Mahon's celcbrated poem "A Disused Shed in Co Wexford" isn't mentioned and nor is its author, JG Farrell; these are Englishmen, true, but so are John Dancer, Pastorini. Queen Elizaheth I and Wilfrid Scawen Blunt, for whom a place has been found.

What else? The Glens-of-Antrim versifier Moira O'Neill is described as the mother of the 'actress Molly Keane'' - though her daughter is properly identified under her own heading as the author of Good Behaviour (1981) and its successors. The Gaelic folk song, "Is Fada O Bhaile", is inaccurately cited. And so on. It's easy to single out small flaws and errors of interpretation. However, so much industry has gone into this undertaking that we should be grateful for all it contains in the way of information and illumination, rather than lamenting its

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Invisible messiah: the radiant Five Wounds of Christ disembodiedly ravealed — a striking piece of early surrealism from a Flemish diptych of 1523, commissioned by a Carthusian abbot. It's one of a trove of images from Medieval Death: Ritual and Representation by Paul. Blaski (British Museum Press, £25), an entertaining study of the aesthetics of moriboadity the imagining of Hell and the wishful portrayal of the Afterlife. Macabre riteal rubs shoulders with a grotasque comedy of manners.

Tailors' tales and story factories

A huge novel full of postmodern tricks, of decent widows and local crooks, set in Bombay and satirising Mrs Gandhi. Who does Rohinton Mistry think he is? Salman Rushdie? By Hugo Barnacle

nhintnn Mistry's second navel is a whopper Kin size - 600-plus pages - hut apparently not in substance. He has chosen an epigraph from Balzac's Père Goriot: "This tragedy is not a fiction. All is true." There is no need in doubt the claim, since all the elements in the stury are familiar from newspapers, history hooks and documentaries, which is part of the book's prohlem. The other part is that Mistry takes a slightly more naive view of the fictional process than Balzac, and assumes that simply re-ordering his anecdatal evidence in provide continuity and continuity and saldering is all transfer. tensinn, and soldering it all tngether with Inis of dialngue, will do the trick.

This works only up to a point. The story deals with two village tailors, Ishvar and his orphaned nephew Om, who come to a "city hy the sea", which is clearly Bombay, to look for work. They are taken on by a lovely Parsi widow, Dina Dalal, who has a contract with an export fashion firm. To make ends meet and preserve her fragile independence from her ndious brother, Dina also takes a paying guest, Maneck Koblah, the student son of an old schoolfriend.

It is 1975, Indira Gandhi has just declared the Emergency and India is going to hell in a handcart. Sweeping police powers allow forced vasectomies (or even castration if somenne in authority doesn't like you), the bulldozing of slums and the rounding up of homeless people as slave labour for government construction projects. Crooked coppers, landowners and hureau-crats are making fortunes, but ponr slumdwelling tailors, respectable widows and idealistic students face an outlook that shades from dodgy into dire.

Mistry acquaints us with the main characters' family histories, from the time of Independence, in long flashbacks. He has an excellent command of sturytelling structure and maintains a high what-happened-next factor throughout. Old-fashioned readability is the book's great-

He occasionally likes to remind us of this, "Everything happens to you." the waiter at the by Robinton Mistry Faber, £15.99

local restaurant tells Ishvar and Om when they return from yet another horrendnus misadventure. "It's not us, it's this city." Om says. "A story factory, that's what it is." Again, when the beggarmaster tells how he discovered a long-lost brother, Om gives us the nudging appraisal: "It's got everything - tragedy, romance, vinlence and a suspenseful, unresolved ending."

These post-modern touches are in reality as old as Don Quixote, older even, but they nevertheless seem in indicate an effort on Mistry's part tn go heynnd a recreatinn of the 19thcentury social novel and muscle in on Salman Rushdie's lucrative pitch. A more hlatant example turns up in the account nf how Maneck's father, a merchant in "a hill statinn" which we can take in be Simla, Inst the family lands. "A foreigner drew a magic line nn the map and called it the new border."

The keyword "magic" is unmistakahly Rushdiesque in this context, and so is the had history, since Partition was the brainchild of the Muslim League and the complete antithesis of British policy.

The satirical attacks nn Mrs Gandhi's regime pursue a similar literary objective, though Mistry is perhaps overlooking the fact that Midnight's Children appeared while Indira was still in power. Ridiculing her grandiose rallies, her plans for the "beautification" of Bombay, ber latent fascism and the utter corruption of ber lieutenants is no longer quite so curting-edge, and the humnur seems weak, except on one occasion when the police carry out a haton charge on a beggar's funeral procession and then apologise, having mistaken the parade of cripples and misfits for a piece of subversive street theatre.

Mistry's characters are more recognisably human than Rushdie's, thrugh they tend in be either goody-good or haddy-bad, and those who are meant to be amhiguous simply oscillate between the twn extremes. All upper-caste Hindus are portrayed as fiends in human form, dedicated in the mcrciless and unrelenting nppressinn, forture and slaughter of their supposed inferiors (a perfectly realistic approach as far as it gnes, since the outrages and atrocities in the novel are matters of historical record), but this is one of those cases where truth is stranger than fiction, and within the constraints of fiction the truth seems too lurid.

As a relief from the vinlence and squalor comes the brief "golden time" when Om and Ishvar, Dina and Maneck live happily, unmolested by the lawless government and its varinus parasites. (Om even gets rid nf a literal parasite, the tapeworm that has kept him matchstick-thin for years.) Mistry's vision is profoundly dualistic. Maneck reflects that "the secret of survival was to balance hope and despair", and his failing is that he cannot do this. "If there were a large ennugh refrigerator, he would be able to preserve the happy times... But it was an unrefrigerated world. And everything ended badly."

So when Ishvar takes Om hume to find a bride, and everything looks tickety-boo, we know there is going to he a ghastly twist of fate. By this stage Mistry's expert tear-jerking technique has heen me counterproductive and, as he piles catastrophe upon disaster, it is increasingly hard to keep a straight face; indeed, as Oscar remarked on the death of Little Nell, it would take a heart of stone not to laugh.

We are not helped by the pompous, lumpy metaphors, like the refrigerator image above, which proliferate weirdly towards the end. But the book is entertaining and instructive, in the best 19th-century tradition: perhaps especially instructive to us British, as we plunge towards the state of Third World beggary that awaits us in the new millennium.

A swagger, a wink and a tomcat's daughter

Melissa Denes is entranced by piracy, moved by school reports and repelled by a breast fanatic in three first novels

Island, it doesn't promise much in-deptb analysis of the post-modern condition of humanity. And yet Alison MacLeod's The Changeling (Macmillan, £15.99) which nods to Robert Louis Stevenson rather than Thomas Middleton - is much more than an adventure story for grown-ups. An ndyssey which begins in Co Cork and ends (temporarily) in the West Indies works a strange magic, evoking in the reader that enthusiasm for the large sense, which is at once its theme and its inspiration.

Set at the beginning of the 18th century, The Changeling tells the stury of Anne Bonny, born in confused circumstances ther mother dies believing her to in more ways than one. In true 18th-cenbe the daughter of an over-affectionate tury fashion, it readily admits of other real live tomcat), raised in chaos, and voices. Rumours, reports and old wives' remembers how they were the prelude

bleak as the tidy life.

Her boyhood in Ireland (she is called "Anson" until the age of seven,) is followed by an uneasy period as a settler's daughter in America, before Anne discovers sex and the sea - their attractions remain for her mutually bound - and sails for New Providence. When time begins to hang heavy on ber once more, she marries Captain Jack Rackham, a gentleman-pirate, adopts a swagger and the "New World", and for discovery in a wink, and joins his crew on the high seas. Anne Bonny was not hnrn a changeling, but in her flight from permanence and from history, she certainly lives like one.

MacLeod's novel inhabits its period

The pirating epic is not an obvious consequently possessed of a healthy choice for the first-time novelist: too remantic, too Treasure for disorder: if freedom is different too romantic, too Treasure for disorder: if freedom is different too romantic, too Treasure for disorder: if freedom is different too romantic, too Treasure for disorder: if freedom is different too romantic, too Treasure for disorder: if freedom is different too romantic, too Treasure for disorder: if freedom is different too romantic, too Treasure for disorder: if freedom is different too romantic, too Treasure for disorder: if freedom is different too romantic, too Treasure for disorder: if freedom is different too romantic, too Treasure for disorder: if freedom is different too romantic, too Treasure for disorder: if freedom is different too romantic, too Treasure for disorder: if freedom is different too romantic, too Treasure for disorder: if freedom is different too romantic, too Treasure for disorder: if freedom is different too romantic, too Treasure for disorder: if freedom is different too romantic, too Treasure for disorder: if freedom is different too his eventual expulsion. Gregory raphy ("I am an orphan, a bachelor, and his fascination with young (and invariably only child... I have one brown eye and willing) flesh grows.

The novel charts the course of a cantime, nothing qualifies the author's subject revenges. It is apparent before originality. Understated, spare, The the bottom of the first page that all is not Changeling issues from the smallest of details - the lack of palm leaves, the

beaviness of a sky. The freshness of MacLeod's imagery makes unquestionably real a world where homes and towns are taken by the sea ("porpoises glinting coppery over the herb garden"), and the nutposts of British civilisatinn come adrift, with "sun-struck nld seamen skittering across the beach yelling at nobody".

Rather more contemporary in its concerns is Martyn Bedford's Acts of Revision (Bantam, £14.99). Thirty-five-yearold Gregory Lynn returns home from his mother's funeral to unearth his old school reports. As he reads them, and

the bottom of the first page that all is not well with Gregory, and yet Bedford's anti-hero is not your average literary madman. He is nn Wall Street trader with a penchant for designer suits and fancy restaurants - this is a uniquely British Psycho, prowling suhurbia with the hood of bis jacket drawn tight. watching for signs of life behind the frosted glass.

The want of glamour can prove something of an abstacle. Gregory Lynn is not an aesthete à la Humhert Humhert or Hannibal Lecter, and his unmitigated egotism often makes his world, and his language, as two-dimensional as the cartoons he is forever drawing. A fond-

The Dead School by Patrick

McCabe (Picador, £6.99). This

moving and unsentimental novel

themselves trying to hlame their

lives on one another: Malachy

can't hold on to either johs or

women, and Raphael Bell, a

headmaster so busy teaching

children he never learns to

Dudgeon, a perennial loser who

outgrow the loss of his father to

the Black and Tans. Evocative of

life in the Duhlin streets over the

tells the story of two men who ruin

fumbled assault, a hostage taken in the school chemistry lab1 are not without a certain inevitability. The level on which this novel does surprise and engage is rather quieter and implicit. Its focus is split three ways between the present, the near past (the acts of revision.) and childhood. It is in the gradual excavation of a life that's essentially cheerless, save for the very distant past, that Bedfnrd is most affecting. A moving debut.

Robin Laurent, self-styled hero of Alvin Raknff's & Gillian (Little, Brown, £12.99), deals with grief somewhat differently. When his wife, the eponymnus Gillian, is forced to undergo a mastectomy he discovers that (well I never) the ness for the subject-verb-object sen-tence and the repetition of a potted biog-in life. As his wife's condition worsens, makes it on to the page.

tating than chilling. His crimes, too to cer against that of a botched seduction in Paris; the crass misogyny of the latter episode ("I should rape her, she would never charge me") sits uncomfortably with the threnody for Gillian. She becomes hunchhacked, shrivelled, constipated: it seems a final injustice that Rohin should so strip her of her sexualiry while flexing his own. On the beach in Portugal. Gillian sits tented by her mhe while Robin admires topless valleyhalling girls, their firm breasts "jiggling, bohhing, shaking, flapping, shimmering, bouncing, bouncing, bouncing," Punr Gillian, Her hushand's lust for other women is, it becomes clear, intended as some roundabout homage to her former beauty. It's just as well she dominates the title, hecause Gillian herself barely

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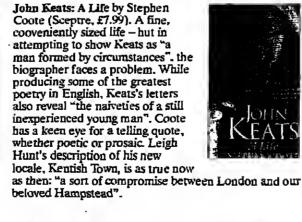
Reviewed by Emma Hagestadt and Christopher Hirst

Death and Disaster by Paul Alexander (Warner, £8.99). The title comes from a cheery series of Andy Warhol paintings on suicides. car crashes and assassinations. But it also aptly applies to this hook's twin themes: Warhol's demise after a long-postponed gall bladder operation - his fear of dying in a hospital became a self-fulfilling prophecy - and the frittering away of his \$600m estate through legal wrangling. The dissection of New York's arty and legal worlds is initially absorbing, although the story gets bogged

Konin by Theo Richmond (Vintage, £8.99). In 1939, there were 2,700 Jews in the Polish town of Konin. By 1942, there were none. By tracking down survivors around the world, Richmond bas produced a luminous account of this doomed community - food, ceremonies, love of learning, even toilet hahits - and the resilience of its people following the diaspora. Inevitably, the terrible name of Trehlinka lies at the heart

The Weather Propbet by Lucretia Stewart (Vintage, £6.99). Ostensibly a travelogue of the Caribbean - a bit about the banana business here, a fragment on the Carib aboriginals there - this is mainly a guide to Lucretia Stewart. We are informed about her dream life and good taste ("Jerry Hall bought the same one last week"). In particular, we learn a sight more than is necessary about her sex life: "We spent hours exploring a changing landscape of flesh and bone and muscle... For a denouement she provides a detailed account of a miscarriage. Why didn't someone stop her?

of this wonderful book.



Cricket Calling by Rowland Ryder (Faher, £7.99). Born into the crease 82 years ago - as Warwickshire secretary, his father signed up the bowler Jeeves whose name appealed to Wodehouse - Ryder has produced a genial volume of cricketiana. Addicts may be aware that Samuel Beckett was the only Nobel winner to appear in Wisden (he played for Trinity College, Dublin), but did yon know that Jardine of "bodyline" infamy hecame a

The Last of the Duchess by Caroline Blackwood (Picador, £5.99). In 1980 Caroline Blackwood was asked by the Sunday Times to write a piece on the Duchess of Windsor. But first she had to get past the sinister figure of "Maître Blum", the Duchess's constant companion and watchdog. Fascinated by the relationship between these two women - one "hornble old lady being locked up by another horrible old lady" -Blackwood bas drawn an exquisitely chilling picture of life behind the

author meets Maitre Blum face to face.



THE DUCHES shutters at Neuilly. Most frightening of all is when the describing a place where everyone is from somewhere else, and no one can claim the past as their own.

Prozac Nation by Elizabeth Wurtzel (Quartet, £6). Even before Zoë Heller was taking Prozac, Elizabeth Wurtzel was pumped full of the stuff and writing her memoirs. And surprisingly smart and funny they are too (if about 100 pages too long!. Crashed out on a bathroom floor in New York she idly wonders if chronically psychotic people ever make it to the "nursing-home-in-Florida phase of life", or whether it's better to die young and pretty.

past 50 years, this is an assured and absorbing successor

to McCabe's grisly 1993 cult novel, The Butcher Boy.

The Book of Secrets by M.G. Vassanji (Picador, £6.99). Posted to British East Africa, Alfred Corbin kicks off his 1913 Lett's diary complaining about his manservant's annoying habit of singing "Once in Royal David's City" unceasingly. The novel goes on to flesh out the other hit players in Corbin's personal drama (German spies, Swahili chiefs, Indian shopkeepers) in an attempt to make history whole. A beautiful and atmospheric book

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Nothing like a spot of classic sleuthing to while away the Easter traffic jams. David Sucbet is as good at reading fluffy heroines and sly villains as at intoning Poirot's Gallicisms in Christie's Evil Under The Sun (Chivers, 6hrs 21 mins, £14.95 by mail order 001225 335336). Other unabridged detective thoroughbreds in the Chivers stable include Dorothy Sayers (excellently read by lan Carmichael) and Ngaio Marsh. The Best of Sherlock

Holmes 4 (Heritage Media, 2hrs, £7.99 by mail order 01429 838885) is vintage listening, remastered from a 1950s radio series. Orson Welles is a matchless Moriarty, hissing with soft menace as he wrestles our hero to his apparent doom at the Rauschenhurg Falls. But Gielgud's languid, aesthetic Holmes survives to prove Richardson's tweedy and impressionable Watson wrong in three more cases.

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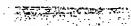
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When you've got bags of space, but no privacy

WORKSHOP: The Tileys' garden has huge potential — they just need to add the right hedges and shrubbery. Anna Pavord advises

hree years ago we bought our lavely 17th-century listed stone farmhouse which needed total renovation. We now want 10 start on the garden but don't know where to begin. At present, the house seems to "float" in its plot. The original farm buildings and sur-rounding land have been developed and our three-acre garden is totally overlooked. There is evidence that the garden is part of a formul design laid out by a certain Mr Blomfield at the turn of this century, before the estate was broken up.

We need ideas for screening, hedging, fencing and generally reorganising the layout of the garden. The grounds possess many elements of a wonderful garden: mature trees, water, woodland, an old grass tennis court and an established flower border. But it totally lacks privacy

and there is a huge area of grass 10 mow. Our requirements include, apart from privacy from our neighbours and the road, a safe play area for our three young children and dog; a secluded area in which to sit, sunbathe, barbecue; an area for vegetables and fruit trees; a puddock area for pony, chickens etc. We would like to make the most of the existing features.

We would be prepared to build an outbuilding of stone but cannot agree on the best site for it. Indeed, we change our minds daily about what best to do with the whole garden ...

There is very much more that is right about Richard and Caroline Tiley's garden than is wrong. They have masses of space for their three young children (William, Sebastian, Flora) to crash about in. There is space, too, for a menagerie of animals, including a grey pony called Scrumpy, a trio of geese, hens and a small flotilla of ducks wbo scrabble around up-ended in the two ponds at the bottom of the garden.

There are some fine trees, including a massive oak set on the west side of the house, and the remnants of an orchard. But the Tileys are right. The garden ought to have its boundaries defined more clearly and the space needs more lines drawn on it to divide it up into comfortable areas. Each area can then take on a distinct character.

The farmhouse stretches from north to south with its short north end at right angles to the village street. Between the street and house is a rough area of grass boundary with the same mixture as they and trees, part of which looked as had already used by the road, incorpothough it might once have been orchard. rating a few ash or field maple that could

Photograph: John Lawrence

Richard and Caroline Tiley: changing their minds daily about what best to do with their garden

bedge of blackthorn, hawthorn and hazel to fill in the north side of this space where it butts on to the street. If they plant some hazel to coppice into clumps among the trees there, that northern boundary will soon be taken care of.

They could soften the long board fence that separates them from their neighbours to the west by planting some wild-looking shrub roses. R. gal-lica "Complicata" would have the right look to fit into this semi-wild area.

The drive up to the house leads round the east side of this patch of ground, with modern houses on the lefthand side. I suggested they bedged this boundary with the same mixture as they The Tileys had already planted a be allowed to grow up into proper trees

within the bedge. This would provide sbelter from the east wind and screen them from one of their neighbours.

With a post-and-rail fence put in parallel with the house, this front area would be completely stockproof - that is, when the hedges have grown up and been properly laid. The pony, the geese and the pet ram, Nigel, could do the mowing. There would be plenty of room to plant more apple trees to thicken up the orchard, now reduced to three old trees.

That outer area was not difficult to resolve. Once inside the garden proper, the problems become more acute. A low stone wall lies to the right of the path to the front door. The path is a pleas-ing, muddled mixture of flags and cob-called out to be filled with bulky shrubs. bles, a magnet for weeds, but entirely in keeping with the character of the house. Trees behind would give shelter and privacy. That, above all, seemed to be what the Tileys wouldn't see the boundary

The east boundary of the garden, dividing the Tileys from the new houses adjacent was the one that needed most work. Part of it was made from a low, chain-link fence, part of it from a starved-looking golden privet hedge. The hedge did not stand much chance of growing strongly as it was overshadowed by a huge ash, planted on a slight mound. This tree would dictate the

nature of any other planting in the area. The boundary made two dog-legs before it straightened out to make its long run down towards the ponds at the bottom of the garden. Each dog-leg made two sides of a rectangle. The first

the Tileys wanted in their garden. They would need some evergreens in the mix so their cover would not entirely vanish in winter. And a combination of fast and slow-growing subjects. For trees, I suggested a fancy thorn, such as Crauegus prunifolin, a cool holly such as JC Van Tol and slightly in front of them, the double gean Prunus avium "Plena".

To infill, I would use mahonia, a handsome cutteaf elder, perhaps Sambucus nigra "Laciniata", viburnum, preferably one of the ones huilt like a wedding cake, such as k plicanum "Lanarih", some philadelphus, draped with elements for a late suppres display with clematis for a late summer display and some evergreen choisya. By the time all those had got their feet into the

at all or, in time, the house beyond. The second dog-leg is trickier to resolve, dominated as it is by the monster ash. I would move the rubbish heap in the corner there to another part of the garden, for this part should be treated as "best".

The Tileys were talking about putting up an outbuilding. I wonder if they would consider the transferring the funds to build a wall here instead? They would have to see what their neighbours thought about the idea first, but the same neighbours have already put up a sbort run of wall, about six feet high, which the Tileys wall could join up with. It would strengthen the corner considerably. Then they could do away with the yellow privet and plant rambling roses such as Seagull and Bobbie James over the wall instead. Well mulched by Scrumpy the pony, these could cope with the proximity of the ash.

In the corner itself, I would start uff three pieces of yew topiary, perhaps a pyramid and two balls, which would be slow-growing, but ultimately strong features in the garden. Caroline Tiley's letter mentioned that Reginald Blom-field, the Edwardian garden designer, had once worked here. The topiary would reinforce the Edwardian atmosphere of the garden. With spring scillas and autumn cyclamen sprinkled liberally under the ash, the corner would need little more planting.

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Blomfield must have planted the strange avenue of pollarded sycamores to create the vista that runs down from the south gable end of the Tileys' house through the avenue to a bridge over the ponds. They are an arresting feature, more like stone columns than trees.

To enclose the east garden, I suggested a yew hedge, running right the way across the east half of the garden to line up with the first sycamore in the avenue. There it could turn at a right angle and run up to the corner of the house, enclosing the east facing side of the stone terrace, which adjoins the house. Open then only to the sunny south and the west, the terrace would become a much cosier place to sunbathe and have tea.

With three children and their menagerie to look after, this is as much gardening as the Tileys should have on their plate. Wallace, the black labrador, sailing as smoothly as Rough Quest over the fence into the paddock, reinforced the message. Dogs need gardens, too.

CUTTINGS

The National Auricula and Primula Society is holding a show today at the Village Hall, Horton Road, Datchet, Berkshire. Books and plants for sale. The show opens at 2.15pm (Admission £1).

Plants, like pop groups, go in and out of fashion, but hos-

Gardener's Guide to Growing Hosias by Diana Grenfell (David and Charles, £16.99). Ms Grenfell is the co-proprietor of Apple Court, the nursery at Hordle in Hampsbire that specialises in hostas, grasses and day-lilies.

Gardens to visit this weektas are the equivalent of the end include Ashley Manor, are vast carpets of spring bulbs ever-reinterpreted ballad. near lethury, Gloucestershire to enjoy and a working kitchen Read all about them in The where the Hoskins have an old garden to snoop around. Open

garden next to the church, divided by bulging old yew hedges into four separate compartments. Open today and Monday (2-5pm), admission £1.50. Although the famous herbaceous borders at Bramdean House in Hampshire have not woken up yet, there

Easter Sunday and Monday (2-5pm), admission £1.50. The Hattats at Arrow Cottage. Ledgemoor, near Weobley in Herefordshire have worked for more than 20 years to create a series of carefully linked garden rooms in their two-acre plot. This is a serious garden, well maintained full of rare plants. Open today and tomorrow (2-5pm), admission £2.

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Consulting the auricula

With their uncanny perfection auriculas have a theatre all of their own. By Caroline Donald

th representations of flowers, art usually follows nature. With auriculas, the most urbane members of the primula family, however, it is as if it were the other way round. So pure and perfectly defined are the concentric circles of colours in their flower-heads touch them to convince your-

self that they are living plants. They are the most artificial thing imaginable," says David Hadfield, secretary of the Northern Section of the National Primula and Auricula Society. "But that is why

we find them so fascinating." Auriculas are artificial, in that most of them are manmade hybrids that bear little relation to the alpine "bear's ears, grown in 17th-century gardens such as John Tradescent's at Lambeth. In the 18th century, green-edged varieties were introduced. with a ring of thick white paste around the centre of each flower ("pip"). The ensuing line, "show auriculas", have remained at the top of the auricula pecking order ever since, with the Hyatt went to town on buildlesser border and alpine ing a theatre, complete with

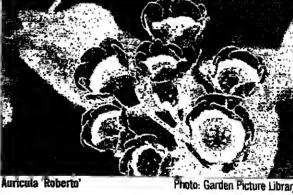
types considered beyond the ale by cognoscente such as Mr Hadfield.

Show auriculas are now divided into five types: green-, grey- and whiteedged, fancy, and self. As they cover the whole spectrum, the list of colour combinations is seems infinite. Brenda Hyatt, keeper of the -"trusses"-that you want to national collection of greenand grey-edged show auriculas, has between three and four hundred different named varieties at her nursery in Chatham, Kent. She

> Douglas collection. Auriculas were reputedly introduced by Huguenot weavers, refugees from Flanders, in the late 16th and early 17th centuries. By the 18th century, they were massively popular. Growers took to displaying their plants at shows in little home-made theatres; the backdrop painted black or with a landscape, and the

has also inherited the famous

plants arranged in tiers. Three years ago at the Chelsca Flower Show, armed with the black velvet backcloth held by the Douglas Collection since 1929, Brenda



old-fashioned clay pots and mirrurs. The resulting media attention, she believes, has contributed to the revival of interest in auriculas, with their colourful flowers cropping up all over the place on furnishing fabrics, cushion covers and paintings.

With patience, you cao grow auriculas yourself. In many ways, they are wellsuited to the British climate, being able to survive cold winters under snow. They need to be kept out of strong sun, and prefer a welldrained, semi-rich mineral soil. In order 10 keep the paste on the petals and leaves

from washing off, they should be sheltered from the rain. Once all this has been arranged, and with a Blue-Peter-like transformation of an old shoe box into a theatre, you can mount your very own amateur production.

> Catalogues from Brenda Hyatt, 01634 863251. The Northern Section of the National Primula and Auricula Society's show is on 4 May, at Kingsway School, Cheadle, The Southern Section's show is at Haly Trinity Church Hall, London SW3 on 27

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ogwoods grown for their winter display of orna-mental bark should be cut back bard to encourage new growth from the base of the shrub. Bark on fresh shoots is more brightly coloured than that on old wood.

Hydrangeas may also need secateur work. Clean off old flower heads and cut out stems that seem very weak. Some shoots end in a forest of spindly twigs. Take one or two of these out entirely, cutting as low down as you can, to encourage fresh from grown. Using a pair of shears, or onehanded clippers, clean off dead

flowers from winter-flowering

Lift and divide clumps of perennials that did not flower very well last season. The strongest new growth of many herbaceous plants is round the outside of the clump. Replant these pieces in ground pepped up with bonemeal or Growmure and water regularly until established. Because of the drying combination of wind and sun at this time of the year. all new plants need to be well watered regularly.

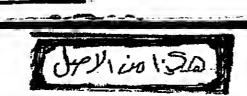
Cloches protect early vegetables and can be used to ing. Try radish, lettuce and spinach under cloches for early crops. Crnp covers such as thene bag until the cuttings flecce and perforated poly- have rooted.

thene have the same effect and protect against pests such as cabbage and carrot root fly, caterpillars and aphids.

Plant summer-flowering bulbs such as gladiolus, galtonia and norine. If your ground is still cold and soggy, start the bulbs off in pots of compost and plant them out when conditions improve.

Take cuttings of junipers, such as the low, spreading Juniperus horizontalis by snipping off sidesboots where they join a main stem and sticking them round the edge of a 5-inch pot of compost. Keep the pot covered with a poly-







Some of the transparent and weigh

A handful of eels will yield a tidy profit but this tricky fish is giving nothing away

By Daniel Butler

he Japanese have wasted millions trying to breed eels in captivity. Apparently there is something out there in the Atlantic which they can't replicate in the laboratory. It's a good thing - I'd be out of a job otberwise."

The shadowy figure standing on the banks of the Parrett Estuary in Somerset shudders in the bitter cold of the a ring night. It is the small hours of the morning and, as an elver buyer, this is the climax

of the working day.

The eel trade is worth millions of pounds a year and most of the catch will be air-freighted to the other side of the world - yet for all its value and global spread, the industry is entirely dependent on a bizarre and imperfectly understood

targets of lonight's nets, were born thousands of miles away. Those that escape the fishermen are on their way to the brooks, ditches and drains of the British countryside. When they are fully grown - normally about two feet in length - the adult fish are suddenly filled with an urge to head west. They abandon their ponds and backwaters for the nearest river which they follow down to the sea. Then they head back to their spawning grounds, but precisely how remains a mystery.

"On a good night a fisherman might land two or three kilograms of elvers in six hours," explains the waiting buyer cautiously. "When conditions are perfect it reward." could even be as high as 5kgs'

Such a haul represents a tidy profit too - the going price this season is likely to exceed £55 a kilo - but by the time the eels reach their final market in Europe or the high calorific value is the flesh's excep-

What the scientists know about eels

Ecls spawn in the Sargasso Sea, between the Azores and the Bahamas. At first the tiny larvae are mixed with American eels, but off Florida the species part company, leaving the European fish to be carried east by the Gulf Stream. It used to be thought that they spent two or three years on the journey but recent assembly bulketing it. could be as little as a year.

When they arrive on Europe's west coast, some remain at sea, some go as far as estuaries and rivers, and a proportion (mainly female) heads upstream, making for inland ditches and ponds to feed or insects, invertebrates and fish. Although a true fish, complete with scales and gills, the eel can absorb oxygen

The elvers - or baby eels - which are the Far East the price will have doubled. The catch of "glass eels" is destined for foreign fish farms where they will be reared to supply the rest of the world's seemingly insatiable appetite for the fish. In contrast, apart from the dwindling demand from traditional Cockney fish stalls, we British won't eat eels.

> Yet they remain a vital component in the diet of many British predators: "They're easy to catch, abundant and are particularly likely to be found in shallow water, such as ditcbes," explains Graham Roberts at Hampshire Wildlife Trust. "This makes them the perfect food for otters: a lowenergy hunt followed by a bigh-energy

> Eels have the highest food value of any British fish: at 1,635 calories per pound. easily outstripping salmon and far higher than all freshwater fish. Lying behind the

through its skin for short periods, allowing it to leave the water and move short distances across wet grass. Colouration and size are good indicators of age. Elvers are transparent (hence the name "glass eels"), about 7cm long and weigh just 0.3g each. They darken and as they madine in Imputer Intend waters, becoming yellow-green for camouflage. As they prepare to return to sea, this fades to leave the fish silver of top, with a white belly to disguise it in the clearer ocean water. Eels seem capable of determining

their own gender - although how remains

sexed without dissection

unclear. Females tend to be larger, growing

to well over 40cms in length, but cannot be

nonally bigh fat content, but ironically the same fat was almost responsible for the otter's extinction 20 years ago. Pesticide residues from DDT and dieldrin are fatsoluble and this was further exacerhated by the eel's bottom-living habits, longevity and its relative pollution-tolerance. As a result, eels are concentrating toxins long after other fish have died.

Today the threat from DDT has largely passed, hut new pollutants - and the longlasting PCBs in particular - have taken their place. This gives the eel a new importance to the National Rivers Authority which has just begun a study across Hampshire, Sussex and Kent, using the fish as living pol-lution recorders: They are the perfect barometer of the health of a river system." explains Mr Roberts. "They are long-lived, have a limited movement once they reach an area and have a high fat content - that means they pick up and store pollution."

Another reason for research is the perception that eels are in decline. As with everything about this secretive fish, no one is really sure of the trends: "The problem is you can't rely on elver fishermen or buyers for figures - they're an incredibly secretive bunch," says Mr Knight, a member of the European Inland Fisheries Advisory Committee. Anecdotal evidence, however, points to falling catches at a time of increasing demand. Customs and Excise figures show the number of elvers shipped abroad from the Severn bas dropped from 40 tonnes in 1979 to 15 tonnes today and similar drops have been recorded in Holland and France," says Mr Knight.

Yet again, no one is certain what lies behind the falling numbers, but scientists tend towards two general theories. The first suggests the drop is merely part of a natural cycle. This is supported by detailed figures from Holland which show regular peaks and troughs every 20 years or so.

Much more worrying is the suggestion that the Gulf Stream is changing direction. Temperature readings off Newfoundland shown that the huge ocean current which controls Britain's weather has moved northwards. With the Gulf Stream vital to its life cycle, this may well affect the cel population - although quite how has yet to be explained.

The fishermen on the Parrett seem more concerned with the sbarp frost rather than the course of the Gulf Stream, however, although they confirm the elvers are running particularly late this year. "My first decent catch wasn't until last week in a good year it would be January," mutters one as he inspects his empty net. "All the same, I reckon there'll be eels in Somerset long after I'm dead and buried."

Sailor, cider-maker, river bailiff and fount of arcane information

e came back from Japan with a geisha girl tattooed on his right arm, so obscene that he bad to get the Bristol specialist Les Scuse to put a gown on her before he dared show the picture to his mother. By the time Les had done with him, he had cheeky girls prancing up his legs; on the hack of his right arm a tall ship was heeling under sail; over his chest spread the family coat of arms. On his hack was a fox-hunt in full cry. Across his shoulders four riders were taking a fence: down his shoulder-hlades hounds cascaded, and at the boriom was the fox, disappearing - to put it politely - over his coccyx.

As the vicar remarked at his funeral service, Jasper Ely was an extraordinary man. Once met, never forgotten, he was one of Gloucestersbire's last great characters. With his blue eyes and ruhicund cheeks, framed by a halo of snow-white beard and hair on top of which sat a nautical cap, indoors and out - he looked what he was, a sailor come ashore. But be was many other things besides: soldier, cider-maker, riverbailiff, farmer, and above all fount of information on numerous arcane subjects.

His stamping ground was that strange area known as the Arlingham Peninsula, where the Severn sweeps round in a wide horseshoe south of Gloucester, and the sleepy grassland is so far removed from the bustle of life as to seem another world. He was born in 1926 at Burnthouse, where his family bad farmed for generations. As a boy he could not sleep, but spent nights reading voraciously, and so laid the foundations of his encyclopaedic knowledge.

Fed up with school at 14, he went to Bristol to work on the river harges, then graduated to coasters, tankers and banana-boats. At 18 he was called up into the army. and found a niche as a cook. After service in India and Burma, he visited Hiroshima, in ruins after the bomb. At that time servicemen were being offered assisted passages to Australia; Jasper fancied a new life there, but when his sweetheart in England declined to go with him, he returned home and settled at Priding Farm, a smallholding and orchard on the bank of the Severn.

It delighted him - one of the world's great imbibers that the house had once been a temperance hotel. Perhaps as a riposte, he imported an ancient press and began to make rough cider as strong as table wine. (He would down a pint for breakfast, as lesser men drink coffee.) With his liking for old-fashioned strains, he bred Gloucester cattle, Cotswold sheep, Old Spot pigs and various kinds of poultry, which to him were

To supplement his income



DUFF HART-DAVIS

he took a job as bailiff on the Severn, and came to know every incb of the waterway. He was marvellously knowledgeable about its moods and tides, the elvers which swarm upriver in spring, and that dying breed of fishermen, the putchers, who catch salmon in wickerwork baskers deployed

like weirs across the stream. After his early set-back in love, he had little time for women, and remained a lifelong bachelor. He did not learn to drive until he was 40, scorned television, and never had a telephone in the house. Neveriheless, he was immensely magnetic. Just as friends brought him antique machinery, until the ramshackle farmyard was choked with it, so people gathered from far and wide lo hear him discourse on varieties of cider apples, on cattle, the river and the sea.

It is difficult to convey the authority which his pronouncements carried. When he said, "Pears is for heirs," you recognised a definitive statement about the longevity of "they old hrown perry pear trees", which take 25 years to start producing. When he spoke of the Severn Bore (which he always referred to as "he"), you felt that he was on intimate terms with its elemental force.

With his striking appearance, line voice. double Gloucester accent and still riper turn of phrase, he was a natural star for local. radio and television; but producers soon realised that hey ran dire risks with live bnoadcasts.

In recent months, as his heart gave out, he became an invalid; but still, on his deathbed, he directed the planting of 17 new apple trees. to complete his renovation of the orchard. And when he died, an astonishing variety of friends gathered to bury him. The church at Arlingham was packed by more than 200 people, several with heards like those of Old Testament prophets, some of astonishing girth. The congregation included solicitors, businessmen, farmers, poachers, brewers, publicans, postmen.

Afterwards, at lunchtime. we piled into the Red Lion -his daily haunt - and for six hours the bar was in a roar with Jasper stories. But 1 felt saddened by the thought that his spirit had already gone down the shining river, and that we would never see the like of him again.

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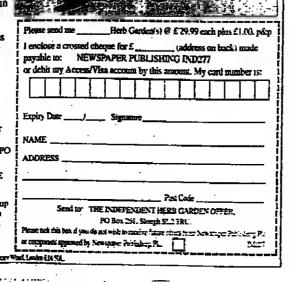
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time for supper. Given the state of the motorways, with the horrendous congestion from traffic and road repairs, being able to fiv above it all makes for efficiency and the costs can be no greater than running a

Range Rover. I first obtained a pilot's licence in 1955 after taking lessons at Skegness and my Cessna 206, bought in 1980, is the third aircraft of agement tool and I don't

use it for recreation.



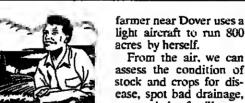
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On occasions, we've even taken out seats and carried livestock in crates, including deer, as well as spare parts for the machinery.

The thrill of flying has never left me, especially when the weather is glorious over the northern hills and the colours seem to change weekly - but it is always a challenge and you never know what each trip has in store.

My wife, Rachel, sometimes flies north with me to see the grandchildren but my labradors fly with me all the time. They are its type we've owned, working animals and are Above all else, it's a man- always needed on the batics in an old RAF airground. Increasingly, farmers are sceing the It can be particularly advantages of light aircraft and the Flying Farm-

useful in distributing medicines - which we buy in ers Association now has for having access to the bulk - to the various about 400 members. It was farms. I sometimes fly one started 20 years ago and product to another unit if I'm sure we will expand Dick Walgate was talking to we need more of it there. much more. One woman Andrew Morgan.



light aircraft to run 800 acres by herself. From the air, we can assess the condition of

stock and crops for disease, spot bad drainage, areas missing fertiliser or even mistakes made by You can pick up a sec-

ond-hand aircraft for about £7,000. Maintenance can be quite expensive - hut perhaps no more so than with a Land Rover - and aviation fuel costs about £2.30 a gallon. The Flying Farmers Association offers advice on all aspects of flying, including how to get planning permission for a landing-strip. We also supply maps of the locations of members' farms so that we can land virtually anywhere for free.

On several occasions during the year, a group of 25 farmers might fly to study-visits, such as fruit or sugar-beet farms or machinery demonstrations. Years ago, when I was younger, I did aerocraft I bought but these days my aeroplane is purely an agricultural tool. I think I'm a better farmer

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If copyright laws applied to inspiration, Wordsworth and Coleridge could have made a fortune. Their wanderings in Westmorland, and the poetry thus produced, persuades millions of visitors to stream to the Lakes. Even in the week before Easter, the traditional start of "summer" in the North West, hikers and holidaymakers were coursing in their thousands around the constricted veins of England's most mountainous region.

Wandering lonely as a cloud around the blob to the left of the M6 (as it has unkindly been described) is an impractical proposition these days. But the romantic poets, with their syrupy copywriting, were doing us a favour to draw us to an area which constantly begs the tag "Outstanding Natural Beauty."

The last word should be left to a less-celebrated writer, one H M Tomlinson. In a second-hand bookshop, I spotted this quotation: "No need to go out of England for adventure. Adventure is never anywhere unless we make it. Chance releases it; some unexpected incidence of little things. The trouble is to know it in time, when we see it." As I first discovered some time ago, adventure pervades the Lake District.

No map, no compass, just a slab of mint cake

When Simon Calder first went to the Lakes he was six, and ill-equipped. Now he's older, wiser and better prepared

rom Ambleside, you need not push too far west towards the sea to escape the convoluted one-way system and twee "tea shoppes". Ascend past Little Langdale Tarn, in the general direction of the Old Man of Coniston, and you quickly leave the tackier touches of civilisation behind.

The turf springs back combatively, tougher and more resilient. The web of dry-stone walls, man's valiant effort to use the stuff of the mountains to harness the hills, thins as you climb higher and finally melts into the moor.

Your pulse increases in line with the sharpening gradieot. The track loses focus and dissolves into shingle. Way back, any traffic noise was drowned by strideot huffs of wind, laced with the arrogant cackles of birds more adapted than you to these sorts of heights.
It was about here that I realised my

companions had vanished. A pair of skinny legs, unused to these sorts of demands, had let me down. There was no way back that I could determine, nor any clear path ahead. One course of action remained: I duly burst into tears.

Being six, I didn't have a map. I had only recently got to grips with reading words (the shorter the better), so deciphering an Ordnance Survey chart and/or a compass would have been beyood me. All the Elfins had disappeared, along with the Pioneers. Worse still, the grown-ups had gone, too. The Woodcraft Folk outing of which I had initially been part had diminished to a single, woeful Woodcraft persoo.

My parents know a good deal when they see ooe. In the Sixties, the opportunity to get rid of the kids for a week ~sorry, encourage self-development in a structured environment - cost only £4 including the coach fare from Craw-ley. So I was despatched, under the watchful eye of my big sister Sarah, aged seven, for a week of camping in Langdale with the Woodcraft Folk.

Returning to the Lakes a week ago, a lot older and a little wiser, it was a relief to see that nothing had changed much from that first big adventure. The



inspiring aperitif. The clumsy sweep of the Pennines surrenders to a shuffle of mountains and slender, brooding lakes - from heroic, serpeotine Ullswater to the tranquillity of Langdale Tarn.

Even at the end of March, the winter's dousing of snow clings to the higher peaks in precisely the manner prescribed on the lids of fancier boxes of chocolate. This topping sparkles from an assortment of sky-scraping forma-

the highest preserve is the simple geometric, volcanic perfection of the sort preferred (and most easily sketched) by the average six-year-old. The Old Man of Coniston leaps from a bazy horizon. resembling the ghostliest and mightiest

mountain of Mordor from The Hobbit. J R R Tolkein oever specifies the heights of the Mordor range, but it is a safe bet that they topped England's tallest mountains. Expressed in feet, four of the Lakes' peaks exceed 3,000; approach to the Lakes, as you climb tions; some are jagged and concave, stated in metres, even mighty Scafell from the ungainly sprawl of Kendal ripped apart by retreating glaciers, but fails to make four figures, scoring a stated in metres, even mighty Scafell

measly 977m. There are entire coun-

tries which never sink to such depths. Yet while altitude sickness is unlikely to trouble even an inept six-year-old, the drama of the setting is indisputable. When the gods pinched the sides of Cumbria together, they created a stage waiting for poets and tourists. It proved too much for our coach: accustomed to the gentle slopes of Sussex, the vehicle became temporarily lodged on a Langdale pike in the manner of the last sceee of The Italian Job. This time, I arrived by rail and kitted

Heroic Uffswater, the most easterly

myself out at Wearing's store in Ambleside. I bought maps and a compass, plus a slab of the Kendal mint cake that had devoured my last sixpence in the Sixties. Soon I found the north-facing field that sloped down to a brook where we had camped for a week. In August '62, several fellow campers were nearly washed away in the deluge that turned our site into the regioo's newest lake. Any glamour that I had associated with travel was promptly extinguished. But by oext day the water had drained into the babbliog stream at the foot of the field. I earnt a badge for building a souib of a fire; I also earnt a tickingoff for financial recklessness, spending

all my pocket money by day two. The Woodcraft Folk, which last year celebrated its 75th anniversary, bas its roots in the Co-operative movement. Pareots perturbed by the God, Country and single-sex aspects of Scouts and Guides can enrol their offspring in a group based upoo the rudimeots of socialism. At the end of each evening, we sang the Red Flag rather than God Save the Queen. The days were spent, weather permitting, indulging in a glo-rious, junior Outward Bound course.

The old stone bridge spaoning the river where we swam is still there, as is the ringing in my ears about the risk of a dead animal upstream and heoce the wisdom of keeping ooe's mouth firmly closed. Sarah proved our elders right by single-handedly discovering a sheep's skeleton. The froth oo the water - now clear of ovine debris matches the shade of silver on the sleoder trunks of birches. The trees coofer around a glade from which a tempting track ascends. Soon I was high above the valley, scrunching against the odd clump of snow and cherishing my fortune io making this journey twice. The Lakes looked so peaceful, so inteosely beautiful, I could have wept.

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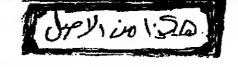
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By Adam Lechmere

he fuel system on the car the Lakes. You can climb Helvellyn that didn't mean an 18-mile trek waggon Pike - and they look benign over the hills to get a pint of milk. but severe in the sunlight. After about 24 hours, bowever, we realised that to be without a car was puted stars of the Lake District, the greatest good fortune that could

are wild and beautiful, or rugged, or feel that stern poetic presence. Everypleteness and the compactness of clinging to the bank of the lake.

packed up as we breasted in the morning and on a clear day Kirkstone Pass, just south of you can see the hills for miles Ullswater. We had antici- around, and over to the west, the pated a few healthy walks to get the blood circulating, hut
sea. The peaks have hard but com-fortable names - Hart Crag, Dolly-

Wordsworth, one of the two undisthought oothing of walking the 18 miles from Grasmere to Keswick and Other parts of the British Isles hack again. Wherever you go, you remote. There are lakes, there are thing becomes inspirational: an old mountains, there are moors. But gatepost poking up from the ruins of there is nothing quite like the com- a miner's hut, a stunted hawthorn

The other great presence is Wainwright. An amateur cartographer, he charted every peak in the Lake District, a labour that fills seven volumes with handwritten text and pen and ink drawings. He recommends paths weather and foul. Every hill is mere glinting in the next valley.

mapped from every angle, and there

The town of Grasmere is a rude mapped from every angle, and there is still room for comments like "To the east [Dove Crag] presents a scarred and rugged face, a face full of character and interest." With Wordsworth, Wainwright and a good

pair of boots, you can't go wrong. On the last day we walked over to Grasmere and stopped at Dove

Helvellyn, with the jagged outline of Striding Edge visible most of the way. Fields of sheep give way to a rocky climb up to Grisedale Tarn, and shortcuts, alternatives for fine and from there you can see Gras-

> shock after a few days of empty mountains. The Prelude Hotel, the chintzy arcades, the tea-rooms with their off-hand staff and the shops selling cutesy animals and perfumed wooden fruit all make you want to run straight back to the hills.

Yet Grasmere was worth visiting Cottage, where Wordsworth lived at for the horrors of Dove Cottage. a moment.

the beginning of the last century. Preserved since 1891, it gives an idea The path follows the valley below of life in a middle-class household of life in a middle-class household 150 years ago. Cold, damp, dark and dirty: the walls in the kitchen bad to be whitewashed every five mooths. The house was full of family, assorted opium addicts and children Coleridge and son, De Quincey and daughters. There is a wonderful portrait of Coleridge, painted in the depths of his "enslavement",

> drugged toff than poet.
> We took a taxi back to Patterdale. "Me, I don't walk. I'm too lazy," the driver said. It was then that we realised we hadn't missed the car for

> looking bloated and mad, more



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and Ambleside. A Day Out ticket from NorthWest Regional Railways allows travel from stations in North Wales and North West England

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to the Lake District for a fixed price of £9.90, if you hook by 8pm the day before. This saves nearly 50 per cent on the normal fare from Manchester, for

example. The Ullswater Navigation and Transit Company, which began sailing in 1855, starts its 1996 services tomorrow. Its vessels are Victorian: Lady of the Lake, built in 1877, and the Raven, younger by 12 years. Call 01539 721626 for times and fares.

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Door old Cunard. The venerable shipping line, founded by Samuel Cunard in Liverpool in 1840, has been hounded by bad luck. The holing and subsequent evacuation of the Cunard-owned Royal Viking Sun near Aqaha, Jordan is just the latest in a sequence of curses upon the line. The Titanic helonged to the White Star Line, a company which Cunard

later took over. Disasters since then have been mainly of the public relations variety, such as the occasion when the company's flagship, the Queen Elizabeth 2, ran aground off the northeast United States. The nadir was the re-launch of the QE2 in 1994 after a £30m refit. The event took place before the work had been

completed. "So much went wrong," reported the Independent that it is hard to pick the real lowlight. VIPs were shown around what was little hetter than a buidling site, visitors jostling for space with contractors and tripping over cleaners buckets." Cunard paid £7.5 million to dissatisfied

passengers on that voyage. At least Cunard gives its passengers the opportunity to sail. I am still waiting for the chance to try out the new Steoa Line HSS, a high-speed ferry that, in theory, takes you from Holyhead to Dun Laoghaire in 99 smooth minutes. Three "definite" start dates bave been given over the past three months: 1 October, 1 March and 30 March. I am not pinning my hopes on travelling on the latest deadline, 9 April.

Should the shipping business look like a ropey one to be in, at least it is better than running a state-owned airline. Olympic Airways has just sacked its chairman and chief executive, Rigas Doganis, despite his producing the Greck carrier's first good financial results for years. Professor Doganis is

sanguine about his loss of office. He told me this week that "running a stateowned airline consists of long periods of crisis management interspersed with short periods of catastrophe management." Perhaps he would like a

job at Cunard

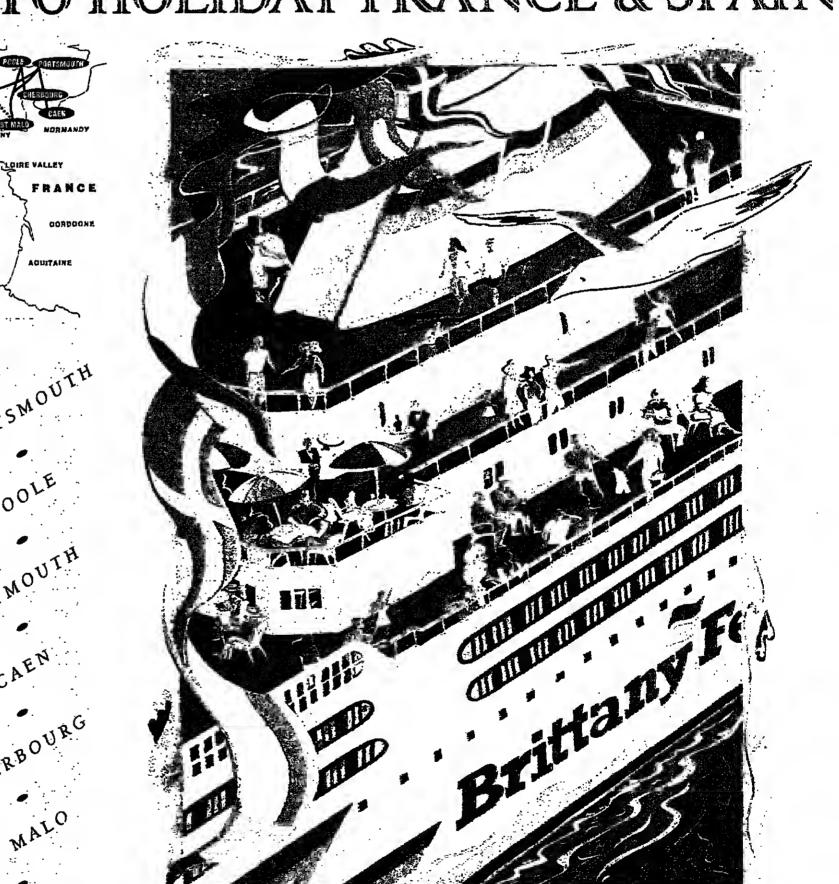
o get from Aldwych to Ongar by tube, change trains at Holborn and Epping. So say three brand-new guide books: Let's Go: Europe 1996, the latest Rough Guide to England and the AA Cityguide to London. All carry maps showing Aldwych and Ongar oo the London Uoderground network. But both stations closed 18 months ago.

As the guidebook writer who published a book on Eastern Europe with the memorable line "There seems oo end in sight to the Ceausescu dynasty about a week before the Romanian dictator was deposed, I am painfully aware of the perishable nature of the information

in guides. So too are Rough Guides and AA Publishing, neither of which claim infallibility. But Let's Go assures the world that the writers of its books "check every fact, every year". You could take the charitable view that the closures of these two stations came too late for the '95 edition, but on the very first page of the Let's Go '96 is the rather less than true "fact" that Aldwych to Ongar is a trivial journey by tube.

Don't rely on guide books to settle arguments, either. Wheo a colleague claimed that since the collapse of the Soviet Union, Canada is the world's biggest country, I reached for the oew Lonely Planet guide to Russia, Belarus and Ukraine to prove him wrong. "Russia is the world's biggest country", it says in black and white. Unconvinced, he checked the same publisher's guide to Canada: "Canada is the world's biggest country".

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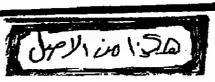
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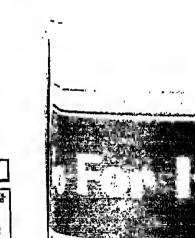


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Portugal's capital is an apt setting for the new dramatisation of Gulliver's Travels. By Michael Church

here's always something dangerous about Lisbon, something darkly mysterious, as though it's the edge of the world. With its colonial roots in Africa, Goa, and Brazil, it doesn't really feel like Europe. Two centuries ago it was immensely rich, now it's grindingly its gorgeous vistes and crumbling architecture. poor: its gorgeous vistas and crumbling architectural beauties offer a cocktail that film-makers, in particular, seem unable to resist.

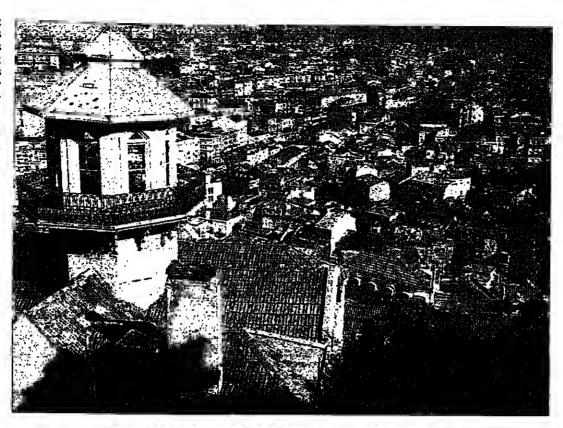
Wim Wenders has made two films in this capiwill wenders has made two films in this capital city. François Truffaut's Anguisia was filmed there, as was Bille August's The House of the Spirits. The French enfant-terrible Cyril Collard chose a lighthouse overlooking the Tagus as the location for a pre-emptive docu-drama about his own death from Aids: not so much the edge of the world, more its actual and The caretaker of the world, more its actual end. The caretaker of the 18th-century monastery at Cabo Espichel has lost count of the film-makers using it as a location: a dusty Miss Havisham of a church, proud in a bare

The Ted Danson-Mary Steenburgen dramatisation of Gulliver's Travels, which Channel 4 is broadcasting this weekend, draws much of its force from the palaces, streets, and beaches amid which its action unfolds: for Lilliput, read Lisbon. But read on: what producer Duncan Kenworthy and director Charles Sturridge have created is a paean to all the loveliest places in the region.

When Gulliver makes his triumphal entry into Lilliput, he does so via Lisbon's mosaic-paved Rua Augusta, along which tourists normally troop in their thousands. When he peers through a window into the Lilliputians' War Room, he is actually peering into the library of the palace of Mafra, an 18thcentury architectural jewel where no film crew has been allowed before. As Kenworthy points out, the beauty of this location lay in its unrestored, stilllived-in quality. He had originally planned to use the crazily Romantic palace of Pena, but, by the time they came to shoot, it had been painted a Dis-

Palaces, palaces ... the 17th-century National Palace of Ajuda serves as the site where Gulliver is first brought before the Lilliputian emperor and his court. And the exquisite palace of Queluz, with its classical gardens and halls of mirrors, is the setting for Gulliver's meeting with the giant queen of Brobdingnag, Built by a French architect as an homage to Versailles, it was long used for royal receptions, and now serves as a concert venue as well as a tourist baunt.

Byron was mind-blown by the beauty of Monserrate Park, just outside Sintra. With its mock-oriental palace and sub-tropical gardens, this makes the ideal backdrop for Swift's kingdom of Laputa. And, with its cooling summer mists, the ideal refuge. I'd say, when the coast gets too hot.





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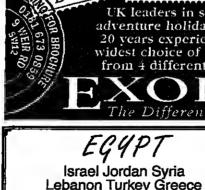
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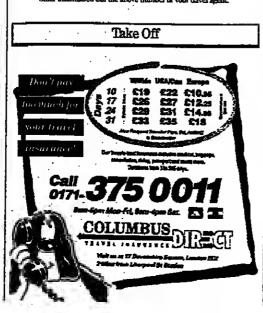
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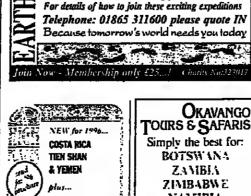


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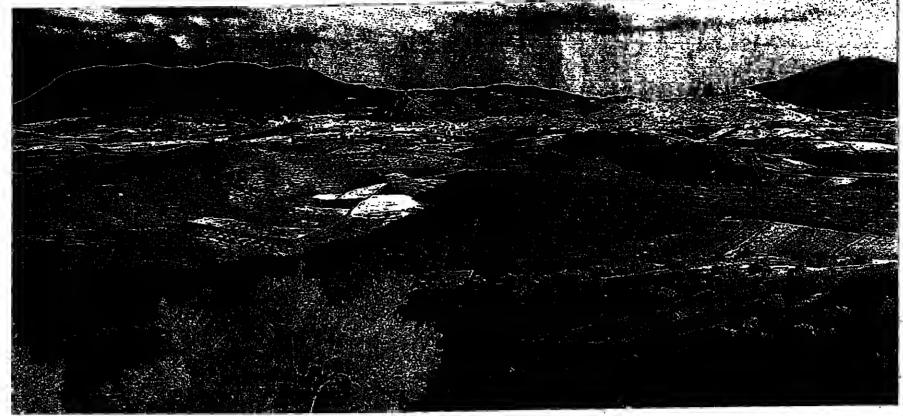
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I'd like to travel to Spain with an environmentally sensitive tour operator. Can I?

Yes. But remember that people mean different things when they talk about being environmentally sensitive. Many companies have jumped on to the eovironment bandwagon because they think it will make them appeal to more people. To qualify as environmentally sensitive, tour operators need to do more than merely recommend to their clients that they take their litter bome. Those that do qualify are the ones that donate money to projects in areas where they send holidaymakers. Planos' Spain at Heart programme operates in unspoilt villages in Andalucia and the operator sup-ports a government-sponsored scheme of developing abandoned farmhouses. For a full list of environmentally sensitive tour operators contact the Association of Independent Tour Operators on 0181-744 9280.

I'm not convinced about my travel agent's ability to give reliable and up-to-date information regarding safety in politically unsteady destinations. Should I call the appropriate embassy myself?

No, your travel agent should be able to give you all the up-to-date information that you require. The Association of British Travel Agents receives constantly updated infor-

mation from the Foreign Office about destinations which it relays to travel ageots. If you are still oot convinced, theo contact the Foreign Office yourself on 0171-270 4129; (from 18 April, call 0171-238 4503).

Returning from Indonesia my surfboard was broken in transit. However, because I travelled by two different airlines, neither would take responsibility. What is the airline's responsibility towards damaged articles?

The carriage of items that are termed "fragile", like surfboards, is a bit of a minefield. It is important that before you travel you establish liability in the event of goods being damaged, especially if you are trav-elling on some of the less established airlines which may oot bave as rigid a code of conduct as the major carriers. Your travel agent should be able to advise you. Generally speaking, you have to pay an additional cost at check-in for the transport of "fragile goods", which includes surfboards, televisions, stereos and tape recorders. The charges vary, but across a broad selection of airlines, the average fee was \$50 (£31). At this stage you must establish if the fee covers you for the entire journey. With some airlines it will, but with others it may only cover you for that leg of the journey. Also, if you want to make sure that the surfboard does not get broken, it must be properly

packaged. If it is not, the airline will prob-ably still accept it but may make you sign a "limited release waiver", which basically means that the airline is not liable if it gets

I had a lovely winter holiday with Horizon and remarked to my travel agent that I would go with them again. But I was told there won't be a Horizon brochure next winter. Has the company gone out of business?

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Thomson and Horizon in the winter, as they both offer four-star hotels, there is in the summer when Thomson tends to feature mainly three-star properties and Horizon mainly four-star hotels.

I enjoy travelling alone, but am increasingly frustrated by single supplements. Prices are often higher and accommodation inferior. How does the industry justify this?

It justifies the single supplements by explaining that hotels in resorts base their prices on two people sharing. A hotelier may charge a tour operator £100 per person per week, but that is based on two people staying in each room. A single traveller will end up paying more than others, and could be put in a pokey little room - hardly fair. However, the situa-tion is improving as hoteliers and tour operators realise that there are more and more single travellers. Indeed, many of the newer hotels do not have pokey little single rooms. Also many tour operators waive single supplemeots if you travel outside the peak season of July and August. Single people often like to travel off-peak, when resorts are not full of children,

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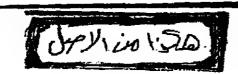
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for a long weekend gave me a copy of Goethe's Letters from Italy, in one of those little Penguin 60p editions. As I flew over the clouds at 500 miles per hour, I settled hack to follow Goethe's more leisurely progression 200 years ago by horse-drawn carriage down through the Italian peninsula. To my delight 1 discovered that Goethe had lingered in the Veneto, taking time to examine the Renaissance buildings of Andrea Palladio, as I too had done last September. And the effect on both of us of coming to know this architect's work was similar. "Palladio," Goethe observed, "was strongly imbued with the spirit of the Ancients... [He] has opened [this] to me, and the way to all art and life as well." (Well, perhaps, my enthusiasm for Palladio is slightly more tempered; but I think I know what Goethe is getting at. The halance and proportion evident in Palladio's work seems to betoken the possibility of a moral, as well as an aesthetic, harmony in the

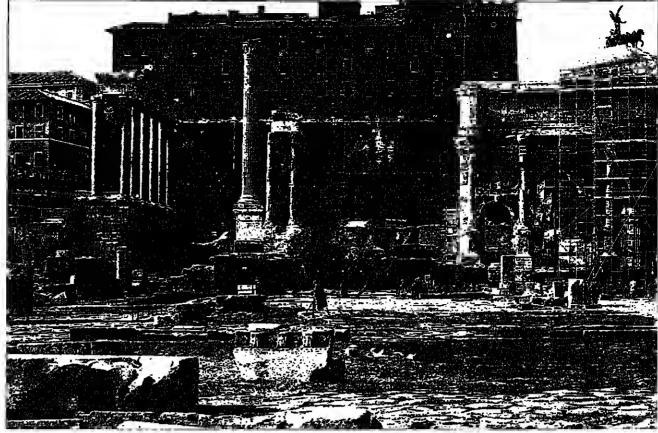
When Doug Hall and Diane Andrews, artists from San Francisco who are at the American Academy in Rome for a year (he to complete a video and photography project and she to paint the Italian sky) invited me to visit them, I decided to give focus to my trip by searching out the Roman remains that Palladio himself had studied in the 1540s and 1550s. I would look at Ancient Rome through Palladio's eyes, and modern Rome through Doug and Diane's

Although I had defined my weekend as five days - arrive Thursday afternoon, depart Monday evening - I would never have seen as much as I did if it had not been for Doug's motorino - motor scooters, I soon realised, are the way Romans in a hurry get about.

You can see a lot from the hack of a

friend who knew I was going to Rome for a long weekend gave me a copy of Vinci airport at 2.30 pm. By 4.30, I was perched on the back of Doug's 50cc Honda, and within an hour or two we had seen Bramante's famous Tempietto; buzzed about Trastevere, the Piazza Farnese, the Campo dei Fiori, and the Piazza Navona; admired Caravaggio's Madonna di Loretto in the church of Sant'Agostino; explored the pre-Christian vaults of the Stadium of Domitian beneath Sant'Agnese in Agonc; picked out with my spyglass touching and beguiling details in the reliefs on the Column of Marcus Aurelius; looked with baffled amazement at Andrea Pozzo's trompe l'æil dome in the Jesuit church of Sant' Ignazio; come across Silvio Berlusconi standing with other government dignitaries next to a hearse outside Sant' Ignazio; and, finally, stopped to sample ice cream at one of the famous gelauria near the Pantbeon,

The next morning the three of us went to the Vatican museums: Diane to look at portraits in the Pinacoteca, Doug to photograph the tourists and I to see again the Raphael Stanze and the Sistine chapel. Although it was winter there were still too many tourists crowding the little Raphael rooms for me to enjoy the painted walls and ceilings - also I was probably exhausted from my earlier concentration on Michaelangelo's grand fresco cycle. We had entered the Sistine Chapel at about 11am, and I had immediately found a quiet corner to sit down with my spyglass and look up at the ceiling. An hour and a half later I staggered up to Diane at the other end of the room, having no idea how long I had been immersed in Michaelangelo's grand conception. The cleaning of the paintings may well, as the critics contend, have removed some of the intended patina from the figures, but it has also made it possible to discern with ease so much more detail and for me, at least, the trade-off has heen revelatory.



dral Church of St John Lateran, visible several

miles away from the Janiculum. They were

astounded, and acclaimed him a genius. The moral was supposed to be that most people are

more concerned about the mundane than the

exalted; but for me the point was the simple

sightseer's delight in discovering that I was stay-ing where Galileo Galilei bad once gone about

Saturday and Sunday were golden days: cloudless empyrean skies allowed a classic

Mediterranean light to colour the marble

remains of Ancient Rome with delicate tints

and sharp shading. On these two days, with the assistance of Doug's motorino, I saw and pho-

tographed the Roman and Imperial Forums,

his business.

glorious shambles heart of

Below: A motorino way to get

the Palatine Hill, the Arch of Constantine, the

Colosseum, the baths of Caracalla and the

tombs of the Appian Way. Palladio, I soon realised, had seen a very different scene when he stood at these places. Archaeological exca-

vations were just beginning, and much was still buried: on the other hand, a great deal that was there then has since been removed. The sense

of balf-revealed splendour, bowever, must

have been the same.

Monday morning was devoted to the Pantheon, "the best-preserved monument of Ancient Rome" (Blue Guide), and the most iroportant to Palladio. I've heen in bigger buildings, of course; but none that felt grander. This may be because of the remarkable proportions: when you stand at the centre of the floor, you are at the hottom of an imaginary sphere whose upper half is the dome. The circular walls that surround you define the diameter of that sphere. The sun passes directly above the open space in the centre of the dome

at midday. A moment before noon that day a

cloud lifted from the sky, and the building flooded with light.

character remains unchanged."

Flying hack to London that evening, I read with wry recognition the concluding remarks

from Goethe's Italian letters:
"No one who has not heen bere can have any conception of what an education Rome is. One is, so to speak, reborn and one's former ideas seem like a child's swaddling clothes. Here the most ordinary person becomes somehody, for his mind is enormously enlarged even if his

easter jumbo crossword

Cryptic

Across

- Get QC to pucker lips when not holding litter-dropper's attention? Impossible! (4.1.4.5,3,2,1,4.3)
- Mature set of people receptive to certain points
- Bourgeois keep-fit group concentrating on waistline? Where to see familiar tankengine with tender on
- railway? (7) Huckster's daily heat around city (9)
- Kept quiet (8) Chap with an old-fashioned
- What'll produce generally endless disorder.? (8)
- Poking a hooligan in the 23 abdomen as an afterthought? (9) Pathetic inducement
- rejected when there's a lot of money about (8) Use of "non-biological"
- that's lacking theoretical justification? (12) Comparatively hlessed by worldly inheritance? (6) Paper required by area
- manager (4) Period in Office of Strategic Services for group of nauve Americans (6)
- Man's accepting promissory note without interest (7) Ceremonial induction this month gets everyone into a muddle (12)
- Previous record-holder in Carlisle event (6) Mock Italian appearing in Greek cloak with front undone (9)

- 42 Style of garment for which we've to thank the Tailor and Cutter.? (6-4)
- Exercising caution is not primarily signified thereby (10) Reduce girl's status (9) Arrest Greek character amid some commotion (6)
- Buckinghamshire town's involved in dramatic features presented by Oxford and Cambridge (12)
- Salary put in the post, with gratuity included (7) Elevated railway seen from parade? (4-2)
- Theocratic state encapsulated in Irish article (4) Doctor's entertained by a
- junior officer? Not quite (6) Go over exciting features of a cup-tie later (12) Repository of essential
- information which may be bard to crack (8) Incompetent master NUT deemed due for change (9) Gangster in neckerchief
- accorded very quick service (8) Personal application which may be retracted? (8) Scotsman found associating with girl restricts his
- masculine pride (8) What's in the bank I spend too extravagantly (2.7) Loth initially to put on American pinafore,
- becoming yet more vociferous? (7) Sadly err, repent it, and give another explanation (11)
- A question applied to a corps one's put in tanks (7) In reality, ensuring there's no waste? (5,10,4,3,5)

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The Italian State Tourist Office, 1 Princes St, London W1R 8AY (0171-408 1254).

Letters from Italy by Goethe (Penguin, 60p); The Blue Guide to Rome (A&C Black,

That evening we went with some members

of the Academy to one of those little trattoria,

in Trastevere - managed by the padrone and his

wife - that the guide books say are disappear-ing (Hostaria "Gran Sasso", Via S. Francesco

a Ripa, 92). Over our dinner of spaghetti von-

gole, grilled scampi and a delicious version of hubble-and-squeak, the architectural conser-

vator of the Academy, Cristina Puglisi, told me

of how Galileo had demonstrated his telescope

to some Roman notables from the roof of a

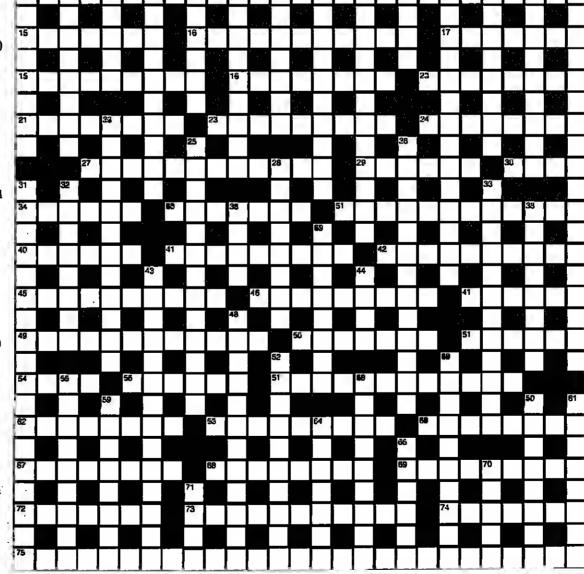
small huilding in the Academy garden that she

was in the process of restoring. At first he

showed them the craters on the moon, but they

were not particularly impressed; then he trained

the device on a Latin inscription on the cathe-



Concise

Across

- Bank of England (3, 4, 2, 12, 6)
- Engraving (7)
 Hot drink laced with spirit (5, 6)
- Non-native plants (7) Apparatus for reducing vapour to liquid form
- Oversight (8) Bookish (8)
- Ghostly (g) Enthusiastic user of party political
- catchwords (9) Front leg (8) Unremarkable quality
- 29 Highland smallholdings
- 30 Surfeit (4) Sickness (6) Animosity (3-4)
- Persuasively commending oneself to someone's favour (12)
- Peculiarity (6) Exclude from society (9) Vegetable pickle (10)
- In a longing fashion (10) Inconvenience (9) Protective headgear (6) Relating to art forms
- which eschew idealization (12) Word formed by
- rearrangement of letters At once (6)
- Headland (4) Goblin (6) Programming for a
- different time or date Concerned with industry or business (8)
- Route (9) Stowing away (8) Reminded (8)
- Hand joints (8) Sound quality (9)
- Girl's name (7) Church of Rome, we hear (9) Doing away with (11) Husbandry (7)
 - 75 First line of hymn (3, 6, 4, 2, 5, 2, 5)

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Down

- Isolated area in which soldier
- spies for wizard (8) Bar-room hores encountering no obstacle in Kansas (8)
- Girl coming over mid-July having to cancel (5) Eagerness, as Bunthorne's bride might have said (10)
- King has one record, but it's got two sleeves (6) Suffered rising neo-
- communist to enter a French territory (9) Production of Lassie one's seen somewhere in Germany
- опее? (7) Incident in which military leader's given a lot of money
- by European (10) Identify group within society needing vital dietary
- constituent? (5,7) Firm must be quick off the mark (4)
- Top secret factory picked out in mimosa? (9,5) 12 Duke conveyed by frigate into
- custody (8) Crustacean caught in river the French find of very poor quality (9)

14 Only managerial post re-

- established in Warwickshire town (5,10,3) 22 Several dozen Revs due to be
- 25 Purpose is to discourage people blocking motorway
- Type of film censored by hateful regent! (7-6) Infant running around Open
- University's omamental feature (8) Walk with stick? Its members may! (14,4)
- Risk a wet, if careless? (5-33 Till we meet in the old corner
- shop? (4.8) Keen on appearing in print, obviously (4) Rig tailored for pagan

worshipper (8)

- 39 Cream possibly for public consumption (8) Type of engine oil, very
- exciting? (6-8) Break in game (4) Court will support bishop's office, mostly, on heresy and higotry (12)
- Suffering chest ailment, as one in grip of chronic TB, possibly? (10) British hospital tackled a difficult admission - hubonic
- plague (5,5) Hors d'ocuvres dreadfully inapt with sweet white winc 58 Source of fragrance used by
- Comic act, thing that gets us talking (8) Hamburger in the kitchen?
- 61 Man's written first article rubhish, leading to complaint Wind causing one to be absent
- from abortive court case? (7) Drink makes you laugh immoderately going to church 70 Sullen expression worn by
- student in Orpington, maybe Smile as Rector is possessed by spirit (4)

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Monastery (6) The common people (3,

Resounding (7) Sleepy feeling (10) Flowering (12)

Legal document (4) Branch of physics (14) Capable of being turned against the user (3-5)

Leading article (9) RC doctrine (18) Three-hundredth

anniversary (12) Last emperor of Ethiopia Passes used by ship or

plane travellers (8, 5) Selecting or borrowing from a variety of systems

Shakespeare play (6, 3, Fourth part of a circle (8) Devices for lessening friction of revolving parts

Hospital room (4) Light up (8) 39 Amazes (8) 43 Desk light (10, 4) Banner(4) Taking a superficial rather

than professional interest (12)Written copy (10) Clumsy (4-6) Device used in burglar alarms etc (9)

in 1945 (9) Full (8) Smarten up (g) Type of paper with slightly rough finish (8)

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Acquire skill or

Summer dish (5)

knowledge again (7)

Venerable monk and

Japanese city devastated

historian (4)



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A fortune for your passions

There may be a heavy price to pay for creating your dream home. By Rosalind Russell

Tony James, the musician, is leaving behind the mews house and record-Hobbs and her husband – actor and race-horse hreeder Frazer Hines – are looking for a buyer for their Yorkshire home. They've recently paid a fortune for its new designer stableyard. Writer and broadcaster Paul Heiney and his wife Libby Purves are selling the organic smallholding they have sweated over for six years. They have all adapted their homes for their abiding passions, yet they have decided to bale out. Not an easy decision.

Finding a new home is no easier. The house Willi Elsener, executive chef at The Dorchester, and his wife Jayne bad hoped to buy at auction last week went to a higher hidder. "It was not meant to be, but there will be another one," says Willi, his spirits rising as gently as a souffle.

Staying put for the time being will be no hardship for the Elseners. Their four-bedroom, two-bathroom house in south-west London is extremely comfortable. "When we bought the house four years ago, the kitchen was a square box with some appliances," says Willi. "Now it's bigger by a third, with warm wooden floors, hand-painted units and glearning Neff ovens. It was a year in plan-

"Spending £40,000 on a kitchen sounds like a lot, but then cooking is my hobby as well as work, I love it." Willi explains. His children are his other passion, as well as the twins he now has a nine-month old daughter - and the family needs more space. The house is being sold through Woolwich Property Services for £279,950.

Property matters are rather different for Tony James, bass player of Generatioo X. Ten years ago, he bought a mews house in Maida Vale, west London. "It was horrible; hideously and cheaply designed," he recalls

"But I wanted to buy something I could knock down." Janet Street-Porter was his girlfriend at the time and he was impressed by her house, designed by architect Piers Gough. The style was exactly what he'd had

James worked out his grand design with an architect: a music studio, lots of exposed brickwork and steel girders. A galleried 22ft main bedroom overlooks the reception room, open to the eaves. It cost more than he cares to reveal.

The brief agreed, James set off on a world tour. "I bought interior design magazines in every town and spent thousands of pounds faxing back ideas to the architect." He laughs. "You could say I had a flind but clear idea of what I wanted." The architect must have had the patience of a saint.

"It's post-modern baroque," suggests James helpfully. Or you might describe it as a post-punk ideal home. "Well, it was designed

op chef Willi Elsener is giving up the as a sex palace. And it worked! I now have a kitchen he has lavished £40,000 on. We have different priorities now," says James. Lurot Brand is asking £195,000 for it.

ing studio he employed a top architect to help design. Water ski champion Liz years, he pursued a dream of building and running a traditional, organic smallholding. "It took months to find the right place. For the first time, the house became unimportant and the cowsheds took precedence."

With three Suffolk Punch heavy horses, he ploughed his 35 acres at Vale Farm near Saxmundham. He had no background in farming, but he quickly found himself besotted with the lifestyle. Unlike many farmers, who cobble together sheds from bits of corrugated iron, Paul Heiney and Libby Purves red no cost. All materials were authentic. And expensive. The project galloped towards a cost of £50,000.

"I had expected it to be hard work," he says. "But I wasn't prepared for the 24-hour-a-day responsibility. The livestock seemed to know when I was going away and would plan an escape. I'd return and someooe would knock on the door and say, 'We've got all your sheep back safely'. I didn't know they'd been out." When Libby asked for something expensive, black and sexy as a Christmas present, he gave her Alice, a

Large Black pig.

I farmed here for six glorious, exhilarating, exhausting years," says Heiney. "But it was getting wearing." He has ooe main regret: "With all this BSE mess, I fear I'm letting the side down. I feel I should still be flying the organic flag," Vale Farm, which now has 14 acres, is on the market with Strutt. & Parker, at £295,000.

Like the Heiney bousehold, Liz Hobbs and her husband Frazer Hines also spent a fortune making their livestock comfortable. At Ingham Lodge, a single storey ranch-style building converted from former farm buildings, they have successfully bred a string of thoroughbred raceborses; they currently own 10. To accommodate them, they commissiooed John Goodrick of York - the top name in designer built stableyards - to build a range of luxury equestrian stables.

"It was a major investmeot," says Liz Hobbs. "It is the best there is. Theo Frazer wants to go upstairs to hed. Usually if I keep my head down Frazer forgets all about his ideas. But not this one.

"I love the house and its inglenook fire-place. There is nothing to beat sitting in the conservatory after a fraught day, watching the horses munching grass in the paddock. The four-bedroom house with beamed

interiors and a 29ft conservatory/dining room is on the market with Blenkin & Co and Knight Frank for £275,000. It's unlikely the couple will recoup anything like the cost

of their designer stable yard. "What does it matter," says Liz Hobbs. "We'll just start looking for an old manor house. With stables."





and Jayne Elsener in their £40,000 kitchen Photograph:

Below: Paul Heiney at his organic farm: 'I wasn't prepared for Photograph:

The cost and value of home improvements

You can spend a fortuna doing up your house, but when you sell, will your investment pay off? We asked representatives from Cluttons, Ellis & Co, Folkard & Hayward, Hamptons and Winkworth for their opinions.

Kitchens and bathrooms Cluttons: A new kitchen increases the value if it is in line with the rest of the property - but not if the rest of the property still needs to be done up.

Winkworth: You could spend £15-20,000 on a designer kitchen, but the added value to the property might be no more than

£5-10,000. On the other hand, at the cheaper end of the market, an attractive kitchen worth £1,600 could add far more than its cost to the valua of the property,

Folkard & Hayward: Kitchens and bathrooms are the main things people look at. A shoddy kitchen can make a property unsaleable - £5-10,000 is a good amount to spend.

Conservatories Winkworth: A conservatory will almost always add value unless it ruins the garden by eating into it too much. Folkard & Hayward: Conservatories are a

waste of time in terms of increasing the value - they might make the property more saleable, but they wouldn't increase the value by more than cost.

Cluttons: If a property is newly decorated throughout it will improve the value, but not substantially. It's the location, really, that holds the value.

Ellis & Co: What may devalue a house is someone's esoteric fancy and odd personal taste. If decoration is not to mass appeal the property won't be easy

Extensions Cluttons: It depends on where you are, particularly in London where many houses are listed. Extending the rear or putting in a loft extension will increase the value of a house because this creates more floor space - particularly extra bedrooms.

Hamptons: People often over-extend upstairs, over a garage perhaps, and not downstairs. This will not add to the value of a house because it makes an odd combination. If you have five bedrooms and only one reception room the property isn't balanced.

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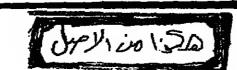
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Roger Bell takes a spin with Frank Biela, World Cup touring car champion



The 1996 Audi A4 in action. Photograph Andrew Redington/Allsport

rake, man, brake. Frank Biela, World Cup touring car champioo, doesn't brake. Instead, he buries the accelington's ootorious Craner Curve, a fearsome downhill swoop said to separate the men from the hoys. If awe overwhelms plain fear, it is because I have total faith in Biela, the man to beat in this year's British Touring Car Championship. Who better to show me what a BTCC racer cao do?

Trussed into the passenger's seat (not normally there) of his Audi A4 quattro, my gaze is torn between the man at the wheel and Donington's familiar ribbon of tarmac, unwinding at fast-forward speed. My head dunks as Biela - like Audi, new to the BTCC car wars thrasb - brakes within yards of Old Hairpin, where Nigel Mansell once came to grief. The car flicks right, its slick tyres defying brutal lateral forces bent on pitching us into the crash barrier. We dive into McLeans in a cacophony of clunks and ear-piercing whangs. Without touching the clutch, Biela shifts down thrice in the blink of an eye. Coppice corner is approached over a blind brow at insane speed. He's surely misjudged it. Dunk, clunk-clunk, wbaang. The frenzy of mechanical mayhem and skull-rocking "g" ruffles me more than the driver.

Hurthing down the straight, change-up lights blinking oo the dash, Biela scans BMW 318, Ford Moodeo, Honda Accord, balance oo the move, another the car's suspension. Power steering is essectial oo

instruments that dispense with irrelevant 150mph before he hits the brakes 200 yards wond where my right foot first against the floor. Is it four or five down-shifts while the mighty anchors do their arresting party trick, wiping away lOOmph in a few car lengths? I lose count before the Audi zaps violently through the tight right-left chicane where its four-wheel drive makes the most of over 300 horsepower. We flash past the pits. Redgate corner - and another close encounter - threatens.

Today's BTCC exotics, based on popular mid-range four-door saloons, make cars like the Triumph Dolomite Sprint I ooce raced look pedestrian. Audi doesn't say what Frank Biela's A4 cost to build, but a factorybacked cootender leaves oo change from £250,000 according to insiders. And that's just a fraction of a top team's racing budget. Such massive financial commitment is justified because every round of the BTCC, the world's most competitive tooring car series, attracts a global television audience of millions. And success on the box translates into sales.

Beneath their war paint, these gladiatorial machines are recognisable as the breadand-butter models they represent: Audi A4,

Laguna, Vauxhall Vectra (displaciog last most cars, digital instruments - spurned in information like speed. I guess we're doing year's Cavalier champ) and Volvo 850 quickest in pre-seasoo testing. Alas, no Alfas tee from a series that will attract 30,000 spectators per race - and eveo more TV coverage in 1997 to compensate for the BBC's loss of Formula One.

Uoder the skin, the racers have nothing in common with their showroom counterparts. Getting into the gutted cabin is hampered by a massive tubular cage that provides the driver with safety-cell protection. Following Keith O'Dor's fatal accideot last year, side-impact resistance has been substantially increased. All noo-essentials like trim, seats and furnishings are discarded. In come fire extinguishers, pneumatic jacks (for

quick wheel-changing) and a cam-corder. The special, ultra-stiff suspension is so low there's barely room for a cigarette paper between tyre and wheelarch. The lock is abysmal, the turning circle huge; parking manoeuvres are best done with a team of pushers. Big, airy aluminium wheels carry low-profile racing tyres - most cars are on Michelins - that stick to tarmac like gum to a pavement. Huge front disc brakes dwarf those of the underworked back ones. A cabin lever adjusts the front/rear braking

the showrooms - de rigueur.

BTCC racers are powered by 2.0-litre restricted for the sake of durability and equality to 8,500 rpm - modest hy racing standards. The engine can be "borrowed" from another model, provided it's of the same make. All the teams claim outputs of around 300 horsepower - though some are being economical with the truth. Whatever the figure, race fettling gives at least double the normal output in a car weighing a third less. As a gesture to political correctoess, catalytic converters are obligatory. Sileocers are not.

Biela's clunky, clutchless shifts, so quick you cao't time them, do not betray ineptitude but a tough, unreficed six-speed racing gearbox that compels the use of every ratio in sequence: to change down, you push the tall lever, to change up you pull it. To the driver of an ordinary A4, Biela's 160mph racer would seem less like a car than a sauoa-heated exercise gym bedecked as a space capsule: you oeed to be fit and strong to drive it in anger. It helps to be brave and

> The first two rounds of the 26-race Auto Trader BTCC championship take place at Donington on Easter Monday.

So what should you do about your spare tyre?

By Gavin Green

f the first invention lo motoring was the wheel, theo the longest overdue is a sensible place to put the spare. Car makers have tried almost every place since the first car spluttered into life 100 years ago, and the first tyre splattered into airlessness

oot long after. Old cars used to bave them in the front wings. They've been in boots, under floors, bolted on to rear doors, oo the roof, under seats and under the bonnet. Some makers doo't offer them at all. among them McLareo. maker of the priciest car in the world, the £634,500 Fl sports car (oor does it offer a radio: just what do you expect for that sort of

Others offer a risible alternative, the "space saver", which acts as an emergency get-you-home alternative. As the name implies, it is dimensiooally challenged. When fitted, it looks like a bicycle wbeel. Even worse, it can make your car look (and drive) like a three-wheeler. And as everyone who's ever driveo a Reliant Robin knows, that's one wheel

too few. Many people wouldn't know where their car's spare was fitted, let alone how to change it - as the RAC or AA would be only too happy to confirm. The favoured place in small hatchbacks is currently a wire cage under the back of the car.

The Freoch popularised the idea in cars such as the Peugeot 205. One revelation of that excellent little car was the vast boot space. A reasoo was that there was no Instead, it was underneath. This proved popular throughout Europe with people who loved all that extra carrying capacity in the tail. It also proved popular in Britain with thieves who appreciated the exposed nature of a valuable item. It was a particular

problem oo the 205 GTi, which had nifty and very covetable alloy wheels. Many 205 GTi owners woke up to find their spare wheels bad gooe, and found the remains of the wire cage scattered oo the ground underneath the car.

Since then, other bestsellers such as the Reoault Clio and Ford Fiesta bave adopted the same spare-wheel design. Ford admits that, in the

early days, it was surprised bow many went missing. Who buys these stolen spares? Unscrupulous wheel(er) dealers and, presumably, some owners who've already been dispossessed and are looking out for cheap replacements.

Security bas improved sioce the early days. The wire cages are stronger and have locks: usually you need to turn a catch inside the boot to free the cage and thus the wheel. Nooetheless, any thief with a stroog pair of wire cutters or a good backsaw will oot be deterred.

The other problem with this set-up is the difficult access to the spare. A woman I know arrived late for work last week after getting a flat in ber new

"Doo't car makers ever think about women," she fumed, "Try bending down so low to get to the spare tyre when you're wearing a tight skirt." I said I'd pass oo that challenge but believed her,

Coincidentally, my wife's Renault Clio had a flat soon after. You certainly do need to be flexible of limb and quite strong to squat down under the back of the car to remove the beavy spare from its cage. I rang Ford, who

pointed out that flat tyres are rare. (The Tyre Industry Council reckons a puncture happens on average once every nine vears.) "We'd rather give extra boot space," said the Ford spokesman. "That's more important than making an unusual task, such as spare-tyre changing, easier." On all Ford models which are ger than the Fiesta which cabin space is oot at such a premium, spare wheels are still kept in the

boot area. Improvements in the strength and durability of tyres mean that punctures are less and less likely to inconvenience us. Probably all we'll need in the future to get us on our way after a flat tyre is a canister of repair spray. It would automatically reflate a flat tyre and seal any holes or small cuts, at least until

you got to a garage. A oew tyre would then have to be fitted. A few makers, including Ferrari, already offer just such a solution. The mass makers should follow in about five

So what's the answer to the great spare tyre dilemma? It's simple: there won't be ooe.

road test Mitsubishi Carisma

T his car looks the most tempting of packages. Not only is it a five-seater family hatchback with lots of equipment, low running costs, a bargain price and a three-year warranty, it's a new design from one of Japan's leading car makers. The difference is that the Mitsubishi Carisma is built in Europe - Holland, in fact m a joint venture with Volvo.

pean sourcing of everything except the engines and the optional automatic gearboxes, the Carisma escapes import duty and quota restrictions. This is why it is cheap (cheaper than a Ford Mondeo or a Vauxhall Vectra), and why Mitsubishi is gearing up for 100,000 sales a year across Europe. Its designers claim the Carisma to be the first Japanese car to be developed specifically for Europeans, but they're wrong that accolade goes to the current, UK-built Honda

pean as they think. The styling is less anodyne than that of a Toyota Carioa or a Nissao Primera (two more UK-built Japanese traosplants), but it is hardly heaped with the sort of persociality that would make a weekend car-wash a prime piece of quality time. Things improve inside,

with an ovoid console forming the ceotrepiece of a tidy dashboard, but the effect is spoilt by the unremittingly grey, and poorly finished. plastics elsewhere. This is a part of the Dutch-built Volvo legacy (400-series) that Mitsubishi would have done better not to inherit. More of a problem is the lack of head and foot space for rear passeogers, whose lounging room is sacrificed to a huge boot.

bine with three trim levels - is numb and the Carisma is GL, GLX and GLS - to reductant to string together a make up the Carisma range. Prices start at £10,999 for the idity. It would rather go 1.6 GL and peak at £15,349 straight on, given the chance. for the 1.8 GLS automatic with Diamond Option Pack.



The GLS also comes with a Specifications Philips Routefinder, a com-Mitsubishi Carisma 1.8 GLS, puterised road atlas which £13,499 Engine: 1834cc, four sits atop the facia. Yet howcylinders, 114bhp at ever fine the cross-country 5,500rpm. Five-speed routes that the Routefinder gearbox, front-wheel drive. Top devises, you will probably be speed 125mph, 0-60 in 10.2 disappointed by the seconds. Fuel consumption Cansma's wholly unexceptional drive qualities. It rides smoothly, if squeichily over Two 16-valve engines com- big bumps, but the steering

series of bends with any flu-

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From their peak in the Napoleonic Wars to the 1890s, prices fell continuously. It is only in the second half of enduring premium.

Chief among these, for most investors, have been shares, property and index-linked gilts. the 20th century that we have become returns over time. Everyone knows that inflation accustomed to the

s inflation really dead, or simply moribund? It is bard to think of an issue that has greater implications for anyone planning their future investment strategy. For at least a generation, the way we save and spend bas been dominated by the need to allow for the impact of persistently rising prices. It has been the age when "real assets", those that appreciate by more than the rate of inflation each year, have commanded an

All three types of asset have consistently produced positive real

has heen falling. The current level of the Retail Price Index, rising by around three per cent, depending which of the several measures you look at, is its lowest for well over 25 years. At its peak in the late 1970s, the UK inflation rate topped 25 per cent. This, too, is a global, not just a British, phenomenon. All the leading industrialised economies now have infla-



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tion rates that are well down on their peaks around 15 years ago. In Japan, inflation has effectively fallen below zero.

But can it last? And what are the implications for investors? These are the questions raised by the wellknown City economist Roger Bootle in a new book out this month.
As its title, The Death of Inflation, implies. Bootle himself has few doubts. His argument is that the inflationary experience of the last 30 years is a historical aberration which is now drawing to a close. In inflationary), or another sbock like sees no reason to expect inflation to rear its bead again in the fore-

In fact, the main worry now, he says, is that we may be in danger of tipping over into deflation, as the world's central banks - still obsessed with the bogeys of the past - compete to squeeze the last drop of inflation out of the system with unnecessarily tight monetary polices. Bootle points out that in the 19th century, when Britain dominated the world economy,

nobody expected prices to rise.
In fact, from their peak in the
Napoleonic Wars to the 1890s, prices actually fell continuously. It is only in the second half of the 20th century that we have become accustomed to the idea that prices must rise year in, year out. What Bootle thinks will now happen is that we will return to a period of what be calls "hounded price instability". While prices may fluc-tuate quite sharply from year to year, as they used to do in the past, on average there will be next to no

The inevitable consequence of this is that interest rates, too, will economy - the spread of informa- annuities.

the oil price-hikes of the 1970s, be continue to fall from their current levels. It is hard now to remember that as recently as 1951, hase rates stood at just two per cent, or that 2.5 per cent Consols (gilts) were once considered good value. Yet bistorically, long-term interest rates above five per cent are even more of an aherration than infla-

tion above the same level.

Is Bootle right? Needless to say, not everyone agrees with his diagnosis. Prices in the financial markets imply that most investors are still expecting some - admittedly modest - rise in inflation in the next two to three years. Many professionals are worried, with good cause, about the prospect of an artificially generated preelection boom. Britain's two leading monetarist economists are even now squabbling over whether the recent growth in the money supply points to a new inflationary surge

My impression, bowever; is that the smart money is increasingly coming round to Bootle's way of thinking. His argument that inflation is being beld down by power-ful structural changes in the world

tion technology, increasingly open and competitive markets, and the declining power of organised labour - is well argued and persussive. Barring accidents, there are good reasons for thinking that the surprises on inflation, when they come, will be on the downside, not the upside.

If Bootle is right, and inflation is actually licked, not tamed, what follows for investors? His own cbeck list includes the following:

*Avoid taking on unnecessary deht. Inflation is the great friend of borrowers, since the real value of what you borrow can he eroded very quickly. By contrast, if inflation is going to be permanently low, the burden of debt will be much more onerous - and much harder to shift. *House prices may still grow

modestly in real terms, but the great British game of building capital from housing - using depreciating debt to finance a rapidly appreciating asset - is over. Avoid fixed-rate mortgages "like the plague" as interest rates are set to fall further. The fixed rates to look for are on savings and

*Long-term government bonds become much more attractive investments in a low-inflation environment. Real yields are sill high in historical terms, but stick to countries which are not crippled with high debt levels.

*Shares will continue to do well in real terms, but don't expect a repeat of the buge capital gains in money terms we bave seen in recent years. By the same token, don't expect pensions and other long- term saving policies (endowments, for example) to produce such high annual returns as they do peration systemy set to expense great over scale

Bootle suggests that what investors need most of all, however, is a new mindset. A return of five per cent per annum on your savings leaves you no better off when inflation is at or above the same level (in fact, worse off after tax). If inflation is at zero, however, you are being offered what is historically a very high real return indeed. It is time to start thinking that way.

The Death of Inflation, by Roger Bootle, is published by Nicholas Brealey Publishing. £16.99.

The careful way to happy driving

Nigel Richardson looks at the ever-increasing value of hanging on to your no-claims bonus

over the next few insurers, including Direct Line, the original telephone-

So it is an appropriate time was introduced as a renewal ance premiums for motorists to be reminded incentive. Some insurers are likely to rise of the value of their no claims started to reward policybonus. The bonus has holders who had not claimed months, hringing evolved into a key rating fac- with a 10 per cent discount to an end the tor. With discounts as high as off their renewal premiums. downward trend of the last 65 per cent or more, the It remained in place prothree years which bas begun effect on the premium to be to put a squeeze on the prof- paid can come as quite a claim-free but would be lost its of even most competitive shock to those who lose their following a claim, irrespective entitlement or are buying their first insurance.

vided the risk remained of the cost or the length of Originally, the discount claim-free. The discount was syndicates, began offering

fered to another insurer.

It was not long, however, before some insurers began to realise the marketing value of the discount in attracting careful drivers, and hegan to tempt new clients by allowing them to keep a bonus they had earned with their existing insurer. Other insurers, partime the client bad been ticularly the Lloyd's motor

also lost if the client trans- not only higher discounts but a scale depending on the length of claim-free driving. Other developments followed, usually as a result of market pressures, until the late Sixties saw discounts rise to present levels.

Basic rates had to rise to discount, and went up to such a level that it become ing insurance for the first unfair for experienced drivers seeking their own insurance case your bonus will be lost. for the first time. Hence the duced, a discount restricted to first-time policyholders over 25 provided they had claim-free driving experience under a full licence.

Clients began to express their discontent when they discovered, following a claim, just bow valuable the discount had become. The loss of a full bonus could result in a 150 per cent increase in their premium, an increase that could well exceed the renewal notice. However amount of the claim. So the step-back bonus was introduced under which NCB would only be reduced by two years on the scale following a claim. Next came the protected NCB for those with a full discount. In return for a small additional annual premium or an agreement to an excess or a combination of both, insurers would not reduce the bonus provided their client did not make frequent claims, (generally no more than two claims in a

five-year period.) The bonus bas probably gone as far as it can - some would say too far. The result is that most motorists now enjoy a maximum discount, and basic rates have had to take this into account. If rates increase by 10 per cent in the next 12 months - which is quite possible - a motorist currently paying a premium of £300 would be facing a renewal premium of £825 next year if he lost his full bonus entitlement.

The bonus needs to be treated with respect, and steps should be taken to try and avoid its loss. Bonus protection options are widely available for a small additional premium but generally you must already be entitled to a full bonus entitlement. compensate for the increased Do not, however, then be tempted to make small claims, as by doing so you very expensive for those seek- could use up your entitlement to make two claims in time. It was particularly five years before you need to make a large claim, in which

Prudent drivers should introductory NCB was intro- remember to purchase only a policy that "step backs" the bonus in the event of a claim, so that only two years is lost This is important even with a bonus protection. Check as well to make certain your policy does not reduce the bonus for broken windscreen

claims. Remember, bonuses are easily transferable at renewal. You need merely send your new insurer the old insurer's should you cancel a policy, ask the insurer to provide you with confirmation of your bonus entitlement, which a new insurer will usually accept if insurance is taken out again within two years.
If you lose entitlement to

a company car, ask your employer to provide a letter confirming your own claimfree history, as this will enable a discount to be secured on a policy in your own name. Do not be tempted to accept a quote purely because it offers a higher level of bonus than another; the lower bonus policy could still be a more competitive policy offering wider cover and a

superior claims service. One final point: although the bonus entitlement is a personal matter, it is earned by the policybolder. Be careful who you allow to drive your car - they could lose the bonus for you.

Nigel Richardson is Motor Schemes Manager at the RAC.



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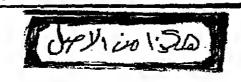
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Doyal Bank of Scotland is inviting people to open a new "Royalties" account. offering a package of dis-counts including automatic accidental death insurance, a one per cent bonus on investment and pension schemes, and five per cent off travel services. The package costs £4 a month, and the discounts could be worth £15 a month.

Turkey farmer Bernard Marthews almost made the top 10 most popular share purchased through Fidelity brokerage last month, driving the shares up more than 20p. Hillsdown was also in demand, while Tesco and Sainsbury suffered from the Bondline.

BSE scare. Glaxo Wellcome, BT, British Gas, Hanson, plus Abbey National, Lloyds TSB and National Grid featured in both buys and sells, GEC and Shell were buys and BAA and BP sells.

Interest rates on three- and four-year bonds continue to rise. London & Edinburgh offers 5.83 per cent net for three years on sums between £3,000 and £10,000, Premium Life offers 5.3 per cent on £1,000 to £5,000 over four years, while Pinnacle Assurance is still offering 6.85 per cent for five years on sums from £3,000 to £5,000. Call 100 and ask for Freephone



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Operation Mystery Shopper set to expose the great travel cover scam

By Rachel Gordon



to check the small print when buying boliday cover through your travel agent can lead to a right carry-on

aster is here and many of us are miums is now in the consumer spotlight looking forward to a first break of the year. And with a cold snap still in the air, that holiday ahroad seems all the more tempting. But even on a short stay, things can go wrong. Falling ill, losing your luggage or the car breaking down are all unpleasant, if unlikely, possibilities. So taking out travel insurance seems like common

But many people, particularly if only going away for a short stay, are reluctant to bother. After all, insurance is a grudge purchase at the hest of times. And for a few days away at Easter, is it really worth the effort? Not surprisingly the insurers and travel agents say yes, it most certainly is.

Julie Philpott, marketing director at insurer, Columbus says: "Whether you're planning a weekend on the French Riviera or shopping in New York, insurance should be high on the list of priorities. And it's worth remembering that 80 per cent of the claims we receive at Columhus relate to all kinds of claims which could happen anywhere." She adds that a weekend away in Europe can be covered by a policy costing from £6.95.

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insurance means rich pickings. Some agents offering "bargain" holidays make up the difference - and more - by charging extortionate insurance premiums. But the hard-sell staff often fail to point out that cover may not be tied into the holiday, or that the huyer can shop around. No wonder travel insurance sold by agents now has a bad name.

Fortunately, the scam of hiking up pre- book your Easter break the day before abroad raises the thorny issue of Green

following recent investigations by the Office of Fair Trading and the Consumers Association. The CA in particular urges consumers to check small print

to see if cover is adequate. And the Association of British Insurers (ABI) is presently trying to crack the scam by running a "mystery shopper" operation. While results are expected in June, it has already found that some agents had limited knowledge of policy wordings or did not even have a copy of the policy document.

Not surprisingly, the CA recommends huying a separate, stand-alone policy. It explains that travel agents will normally accept these but will want to see it before the holiday is booked.

While there will always be some who for convenience will huy their insurance through a travel agent, Paul Monks, managing director of insurer and assistance company, Europ Assistance, says a growing number are becoming increasingly aware of their insurance needs. "Many people have seen through the spoof of travel agents' cover and realise it is not good value," he said.

It is this attitude which has led to Europ But for many travel agents, selling Assistance's "pick and mix" travel insurance packages. This means you can choose what parts of a policy you need, and save money by avoiding those you

For example, Monks points out many people already have baggage cover under their home contents insurance. Health costs might he covered under a private medical insurance policy. And if you

you are due to leave, cancellation cover Cards. This is a document used as proof hardly seems necessary.

Now is also a good time to consider multi-trip or annual cover. For frequent travellers. Monks says this can be good value and he has seen a 20 per cent growth in the area over the last six months. This is based on a yearly fee, regardless of the number of trips you make. Sarah Joannides, marketing manager of insurer the ABL states that all motor policies sold Home & Overseas, says many people can afford to take two holidays a year plus weckend breaks. With policics sold through many hanks and huilding societies, an annual policy, she says, can cost around £120 and can be upgraded to

cover riskier activities such as skiing. Winter sports may be over, but some this Easter, Insurance for these is available and P J Hayman, for example, provides a specialist policy, "Adventures". This covers most activities from diving, to learning to fly to rock climbing or hungee jumping. For most unusual needs, the brokers' trade body. BITBA, can also recommend an experienced insurance adviser.

For more leisurely holidays, it is still worth travellers being prepared for the worst disaster. Not the least requirement is obtaining an E111 form, which is a reciprocal arrangement aimed at Britons on holiday in the EU. This is available from the Post Office. But it is worth remembering that this only covers emergency treatment, and does not include repatri-

And even a few days spent motoring is not without its risks. Taking your car

that a driver's minimum legal requirements are covered by their motor insurance policy. While there is no direct charge, an insurer or broker will often make an administrative charge, and it can also mean a wait for it to be sent out to the policyholder.

Tony Baker, deputy director general of in the UK provide the minimum cover required by law in EU states. Policies also extend to the Czech and Slovak Republics, Hungary, Iceland, Norway and Switzerland. But Green Cards are recognised documents in many countries - often more so than a UK insurance policy - and so might prevent misunderstandings when may be planning equally risky activities abroad. And Baker advises that minimum cover may not include fire, theft or damage to the policyholder's own car. This means a policy extension needs to be bought, and the insurer should be contacted to arrange improved cover. The ABI has produced an information sheet. "Taking Your Car Abroad - 'The Insurance Facts", which explains Green Cards in detail.

Perhaps the hest bet is to make sure your car is in good order before you travel. Cornhill Insurance reports that calls to its offices are 25 per cent higher on the Tuesday after Easter than normal.

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Treasured Easter gift from the monarch

By John Andrew

nly hours after the referendum in the case of Parliament agreeing to replace pounds with euros, the Queen was at Norwich Cathedral, giving away hags containing Maundy money - 70 pence in silver coins to 70 men and 70 women, one for each year of the Queen's age.

A set comprises a groat, or fourpenny piece, a threepence, twopence and a penny. The latter is about the size of a shirt hutton. The nominal value of each set is 10 pence, so each of the men and women this year received seven complete sets. They were handed to the recipients in white leather hags. Officials at the ceremony were also given Maundy coins.

Nevertheless, only about 1,600 complete sets will have been struck this year. This is a small mintage when compared to even a limited edition of a collectors coin.

The majority of the coins presented to the men and women, who were chosen because of their outstanding service to the Church and the community, will be cherished and treated as treasured heir-

As the coins are scarce in the market, one would expect the sets to sell at high prices. Spink, the London coin dealers, expect that 1996 sets will retail for around £90. However, by next year their price is likely to have dropped to £50 as the demand from collectors seeking the latest issue has been satisfied.

According to Spink's Mark Rasmussen, earlier Maundy money is as rare as hens' teeth in choice condition. The four denominations of the same date in mint state would cost up to £500 if their toning (colour), was perfectly matched. If in "fine" condition, which actually means having considerable wear, the price would be about-

However, a near mint state Cahinet proposed a late Victorian example would sell for around £40, hecause it had become the practice for the general public to be allowed to purchase sets through banks. In 1909, Edward VII commanded that this should cease as it reduced the value of coins to recipients. The effect was dramatic. In 1908 18,150 silver pennies were struck; the following year the number was 2.948.

From the reign of George V, the number of complete sets struck has never exceeded 2,000. Despite these low mintages, sets from 1911 generally sell for around £40 to £50. The exception is the 1953 set, which is keenly sought: it was the Coronation year and the portrait of the Queen differs from that of subsequent

Given that both the number of recipients and the number of coins given to each recipient increases with the monarch's age, one would expect earlier examples of the current reign to be worth more than later ones. However this overlooks hoth the number of sets given to officials each year and the make-up of the coins given to each recipient. In 1966, 1,206 complete sets were struck while the following year the number was only 986. Interestingly, Seaby's Standard Catalogue lists

hoth dates at £50. Any market where the material is scarce can be quickly distorted if there is a surge in demand. Any collectable which rapidly increases in price is sure to fall at a later date. However, at current levels, the modern sets certainly have investment potential.

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accounts which qualify for voting membership of medium-sized huilding societies started to subside three mooths ambush it first. to subside three mooths ago after the newly appointed group chief executive of the Woolwich, Peter Robinson, who so spectacularly came to grief this week, arbitrarily excluded recently opened accounts from voting mem-

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beoefit from conversions.
The Natioowide, the Britannia, Bradford & Biogley and the Coventry actively sought to make themselves less attractive to speculators by cutting mortgage rates, raising saviogs rates and reduciog status. profit margins in moves designed to re-affirm a appealing to predators.

latioo. All that has oow admitting that becoming a bank was one of the Ironically, if there is a options it is considering, a new rush to tie up £1,000 statement which effectively means that pass has also

Now it is simply a matter of seeing whether the been setting aside for the wagoo-train gets across the Railtrack and British plain to the safety of a Energy flotations.

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It is too late to opeo a qualifying account with Northern Rock, and Bristol & West could impose a retrospective qualifying date if a rush starts to open new accounts today.

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Even more likely is a round of mergers, which bring few immediate beoefits to members, in the hope of forestalling takeovers, which can be as lucrative to members selling out their independence as converting to banking

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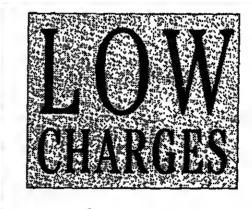
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A classic case of off-road obstacles

Corinne Simcock hears a tale of costly indulgence from the man who leads Daewoo's advertising campaign

Charlie Dawson, 29, is a board account director with the advertising agency Duckworth, Finn, Grubb, Waters, which has 50 employees and £50m billing. He joined the industry in 1989 as a Saatchi & Saatchi graduate recruit after leaving Cambridge with a First in manufacturing engineering. Today he heads up the Daewoo

n 1989 I was left some money. I put part of it into huying a flat and decided to indulge myself by buying a classic car. A friend of a friend was a car dealer who had a 1973 Jensen-Healey going for £6,000, so I went to have a look. It was a hlack twoseater convertible that looked a bit ugly and

I fell in love with it immediately.

Instead of spending a couple of hundred pounds on an official inspection, I got a mechanic who had worked on my previous car to bave a look. Unfortunately it was dark by the time he arrived and none of us bad a torch, but he felt around a hit and spotted a couple of faults, so I made it a condition of sale that the dealer got them fixed.

It also needed a respray, and because I trusted the guy, I said that if he came across anything else that needed doing, he should go abead and stick it on the hill. I ended up paying £6,500. Three months later I noticed that the whole car had started twitching when I changed gear. I spotted a huge hit of metal hanging off between the wheels, so I had the

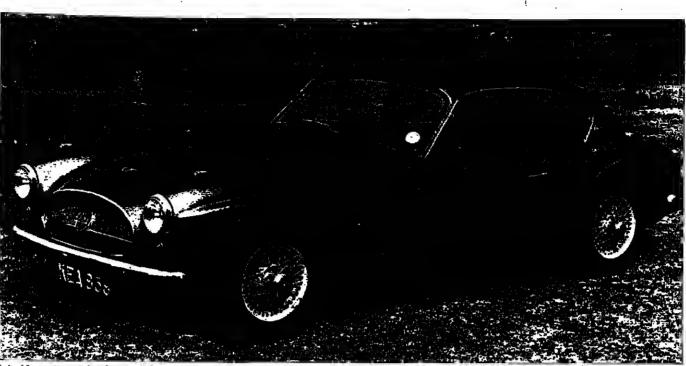
car towed to a specialist garage.

By the time I got to my office, the garage had already phoned to ask how quickly I could return. When I got there, the car was up on a ramp and they showed me the underneath. The suspension was attached to the body with big lumps of glass fibre, not by bolts.
It looked like someone had deliberately

tried to conceal what they had done. In the mechanics' opinion the car was potentially lethal and should never bave passed an MOT The whole floor would need to be replaced before it could be driven again.

Feeling a court case coming on, I paid the RAC £200 to come and have a look. The he bad ever seen and suggested that I sue.

It turned out that you can only sue the At last, 18 months after buying the car, I garage which has issued an MOT within a was going to be able to drive it again. Unfor-



Splashing out on a classic car such as this Jensen Healey can be the start of a long and expensive journey

month of the inspection. By then I had had the car for more than three months. We contimued to try to sue the dealer, a process which lasted for more than a year. Eventually, though, I was told that since I had had a mechanic inspect the car before I bought it, my chances of winning were only 50/50.

I could have sued the mechanic instead, but he was self-employed and be bad done a lot of work for me over the years. That was another lesson: you should only pay for the services of people you are prepared to sue. Given that I bad had no luck so far, I

decided to spend the money that remained on the car and not the legal system. The specialist garage quoted £4,000 to replace the floor, so I told them to go ahead. I only found inspector said it was one of the worst cases out later that VAT was not included, and it ended up costing £5,500.

tunately, just as I went to collect it they noticed a problem with the engine, and it needed to be completely rebuilt. By now I was a touch distraught. I had spent £12,000 on this car; I coudn't throw it away to save £4,000. It had long ceased to he an investment, but at least if I got it fixed I could drive it.

It took more than a year for the engine to be rebuilt, and the bill came to more than £6,000. Unbelievably, even after I picked it up I discovered faults elsewhere, Fortunately, I found a specialist mechanic near Doncaster who was absolutely brilliant. Unfortunately, I live in London. The car needed to be serviced every 3,000 miles, so I took to driving half-way up the A1 at frequent intervals. By the spring of 1995 I bad spent a total of £22,000 and driven about 15,000 miles. It would have been cheaper to have heen driven around in a taxi for five years.

done if I was to hang on to the car for the rest of my life, but my long-suffering partner and I had decided to have a baby and it just wasn't practical. I managed to find a huyer wbo agreed to pay £5,500, but he wanted an inspection first. I wasn't too worried because virtually every part had been replaced by now.

But I bad forgotten the respray that had heen carried out by the dealer who sold it to me - and it was hiding a multitude of sins. The buyer reduced his offer. When I finally sold it to him for £3,500, I had lost around £8,500, and I was deliriously happy because at last I couldn't lose any more.

A classic car is a high-risk non-investment you're determined to drive it; lots can go wrong and running costs are high. I had hoped it would rise in value at a little over the inflation rate. My intention was to protect my capital, a bit like leaving it in a building society. Financially, I could only justify what I bad Instead, it cost me all the money I'd been left.

Trusts look for **Eastern** promise

By Clifford German

the current list of new reviewed by Nigel Side-bottom at GVG Asset Management. Fidelity Asian Values is managed by K C Lee, who also runs their existing South-east Asia unit trust. The fund will invest in the Far East excluding Japan, the placing and public offer includes one free warrant with every five shares. Investors looking for a

consider Gartmore's Select Japanese Investment Trust, managed by Mark Fawcett who runs the existing unit trust, which is a risk-averse fund. Atlantis Japan Growth Fund managed by former Schroder fund manager Ed Merner is dollar-denominated and Guernseybased, and London-listed. It will invest in small and medium companies and aim for capital growth.

recovery in Japan should

Renaissance Growth and Income Trust will invest mainly in companies with a market capitalisation of under \$100m. The issue is through a placing with institutions only and several similar trusts already stand at significant discounts to net asset value

A number of investment trusts in the UK smaller companies sector are issuing "C" shares. The highly successful Invesco English & International Trust is making a public offer of up to £30m worth of "C"

sian issues dominate shares, but there are no warrants, and small investors could find the existing shares a cheaper way in as they stand at a small discount to net asset value. Montanaro Smaller Companies is raising up to £30m in shares plus warrants through a placing

only.
The high-performing
Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust is making an offer for subscription of "C" shares available. There is only a 97 per cent conversion factor available hut the inclusion of warrants available on conversion should largely offset this, say GVG.

Carnegie Building Societies Investment Trust aims to invest mainly in irredeemable high-interest bearing Permanent Interest Bearing Shares (PIBS) issued by mutual building societies, with the balance in debt securities and cash. The trust hopes to benefit from the trend to conversion and commercialisation of building societies, including the Woolwich and National & Provincial.

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Taxman ready to reward efficiency

By Clifford German

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discounts to taxpayers who fill their forms in promptly and pay their tax demands on time to help the Inland Revenue smooth out the peaks and troughs of work once self-assessment is up and running next year. Don't hold your breath, but without some form of incentive the slimmeddown staff could otherwise face a massive burden of work concentrated on and after the two new yearly deadlines at the end of September and January.

New-style forms requiring more detailed information go out in April next year to the 9 million people who currently receive an annual return. Self-assessment is something of a misnomer because all taxpayers who want their tax office to continue to calculate the actual tax due on the basis of the information supplied, are free to do so and wait for their assessments in the normal way, although they will have to submit their completed returns for the year ending in April by 30 Sep-tember. They will then receive tax bills, which should be paid by the end of January.

Anyone who is willing to go all the way and calculate his or her own tax liability can send in the forms, together with a cheque for what they think they owe before the end of January. Late ter also suggest that while returns are liable to be penalised by a fine.

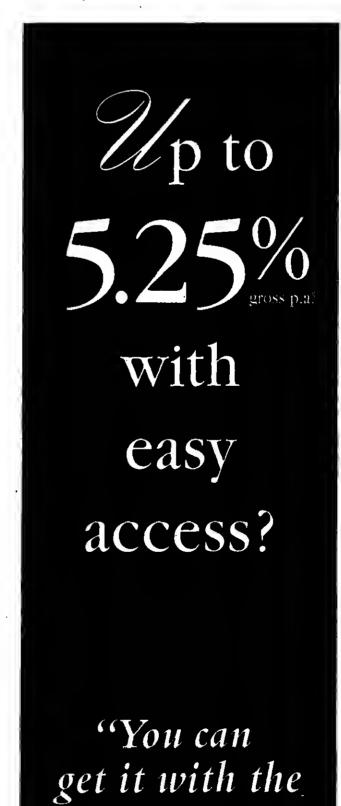
A trial run took place with 5,000 in Leicester last year, and a further dummy run is due this year with 17,000 volunteers in Southampton and Leicester. Last year's results show that 94 per forms and the accompacent of the Leicester volmiseers gave enough information for their affairs to be processed without further enquines. But only 49 per cent had filed by the end of trate accountants' minds.

September, and another 30 per cent by the end of January, only slightly more than currently meet the deadline for first instalments. It still means one in five of the volunteers who took part in trials last year in Leicester failed to get their forms back on time. Excuses ranged from the usual "still waiting for some vital information", to confusion over the dates.

The Inland Revenue's acting director Clive Corlett points out that 35 per cent of all taxpayers fail to meet the existing deadline, so the trial shows an improving trend. There are also no penalties to spur the volunteers. Publicity and penalties could concentrate minds further when self assessment begins in earnest next year. The Inland Reveme is planning local Tax Weeks to publicise self-assessment and make taxpayers more aware of the helplines which will be available.

But there is also the ongoing problem of the hard core of 10 per cent of taxpayers who never return their forms and have to be pursued at great expense by the taxman. By definition none of them will have volunteered for the Leicester test, and if they are included the sample figures might look significantly worse. Meanwhile, however,

the results from Leices-10 per cent of those who do not employ accountants said that self-assessment might force them to do so in future. a remarkable 25 per cent of those who do use accountants now said they thought the new nying instructions had so successfully de-mystified the tax return that they could dispense with professional help in future. That is likely to concen-



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Arts and entertainment listings

WEST END APOLLO 13 (PGI True story of the 1970 Apollo 13 mission. Plaza 5.30 BABE (U) A pig attempts in avoid being a Similar roast. Trocadero MGM 11.50am, 205 Sunday roast. Trocadero MGM 11-5 an, 200 [Satt. 2.10 (Sun); Plaza 2.15, 4.20, 6.25, 8.35 BALTO (U) Animated adventures of a sled-dog. Trocadero MGM 12.05; Warner West dog. Incessor. End 12.15, 2.00

BRAVEHEART (15) Mel Gibson directs and stars. Odeon West End 12.35, 4.10, 7.45, 11 30 (Sat1 CASINO (18) A professional gambler takes over a Las Vegas casino. *Trocadero MGM* Sat 4.05, 7.40, 11.20; Sun 4.10, 8.10; *Plaza*

LA CEMENORIE UNDGEMENT IN STONE (15) Ruth Rendell thriller. Panton & MGM 1.25. 3.50, 6.15, 8.40; MGM Swiss Centre 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40 12,30, 4,15, 8,00

CUTTHENT ISLAND (PG) Geens Davis SEARS. Trocadero MGM 12-50, 3-40, 6-20; Warner West End 1.10, 3-50, 6-30, 9-10 CYCLO (13) Vietnamese tale about bicycle-drawn taxis. MGM Swiss Centre 12:50, 3:20, 6.15.8.30 DEAD MAR VIRLIGING 1151 Susan Saran

DEAD HAM WILLIAMS [15] SUSAN SATURGON as a run who befriends a man on death row Barbiera Cinema 6.15, 8.40; Gate Noning Hill 1.10 [Sat], 3.40, 6.10, 8.45, 11.15 (Sat); Sluffeebury Ave MGM 2.10, 5.25, 8.25, 11.10 [Sat]; Renoir 1.05, 3.30, 6.00, 8.55; Warner West End 12.30, 3.10, 6.00, 8.50, 11.30 DEVIL IN A BLUE DRESS (15) Denrel Washington stars, Punton St MGM 1.25, 3.55, 6.25, 8.45

wreaks have in a hotel Coleon West End 1.15, 3.20 FRENCH TWIST (CAZON MACIOIT) (18)

French farce, Piccadilly MGM 130, 3.45. 6.10, 8.30: Odeon Mexanine 12.50 (Sat). FRENCH TWIST (ENGLISH LANGUAGE VER-5800 (18) See above. Piccadilly MGM 130, 3.45, 6.10, 8.30

9.45, 6.10, 8.30 GET SHORTY (15) John Travolta stars. Empre Leicester Square 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 5.45, 11.30 (Sas); Trocadero MGM 12.45, 3.45, 6.40, 9.10, 12midnight (Sat) COLDENEYE [12] The Latest James Bond yout. Odeon Mexamute 12.10 (Sat), 25S,

MEAT 1151 Cop/psychopath thriller. The-cadero MGM 4.40, 8.20; Warner West End 1.00, 4.40, 8.20, 10.40, 11.50 JEFFREY (181 Romania: comedy. Shaftes-bury Ave MGM 245, 5.50, 8.50

mmann (PG) Robin Williams becomes trapped in a real-life board-game. Trocaders MGM 12:30, 2:40, 5:10; Odeon High St Ken 1.30; Swiss Cottage Odern 1.15, 3.45; Warner West End 3.50, 6.00, 8.20

West End 350, 000, 000, 1121 Sequel to the virtual reality spectacular, Acton Warner 7.10; Odeon West End 6.30, 8.50 LERING LAS VEGAS (18) Street-level view of Las Vegas MGM Swiss Centre 1.40, 4.00, 6.25, 8.50; Warner West End 12.55, 3.15, 5.50.

A LITTLE PRINCESS (U1 Adaptation of the Frances Hodgson Burnett children's story. Trocadero MGM 12.10, 2.20; Warner West

Fred 12.10, 2.15 tion of vampires in New York. Ton Ct Rd MGM 2.00, 4.55, 7.10, 9.30 PROPERTY ASS. A. 10. 19.40
PROPERTY IS Anthony Hopkins stars. Tro-cadero MGM 7.55; Odeon Harmarket Sat 12.45, 4.25, 8.45; Sum 1.45, 7.25; Warner West End 4.21, 8.10

classic, Lumier 2.35, 5.25, 8.20 OTBELIO (12] Hollywood production of Shakespeare's play. Odeon Mexamine 12.25 (Sat), 3.00, 5.45, 8.30 IL POSTINO (15) Lyrical, ron

film. Gate Noting Hill Sun 1.20; Panton St MGM 1.20, 3.45, 6.10, 8.40; MGM Swiss Centre 1.35, 4.05, 6.30, 8.50; The Minema

3.30, 6.30, 8.45
RESTURATION (15) Robert Downey Jr is a physician in the Court of King Charles II.
Outcom Meccanine 1.05 [Sath. 3.40, 6.15, 8.45
SENSE AND SENSIBILITY (U) Emma Thompson's adaptation of Lane Austen. Chelma Cinema 2:30, 5:30, 8:15; Curcan Marjair 2:20, 5:30, 8:05; Curcan West End 2:15, 5:15, 8:15

SERGEANT BELOD (PG) Steve Martin in the role made famous by Phil Silvers. Empire Leicester Square 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.45; Tro-cadero MGM 2.30, 4.50, 7.10, 9.30 SEVEN (18) A series of marders stump homicide detectives. Empire Leicenter Squ 12.45, 3.20, 5.55, 8.30, 11.30 (Sat); Odeon Mexanine 12.20 (Sat), 3.00, 5.45, 8.30 SMALL FRCES [15] A boy growing up in 1960s Glasgow becomes embroiled in gang-land. Haymarket MGM 1.10, 3.40, 6.10, 8.40; Tott Ct Rd MGM 1.45, 4.15, 6.55, 9.30; Warner West End 1.40, 4.10, 6.40, 9.00, 11.30 STOLEN SEARTS (15) Two low-lifes aspire to something better. *Docadeno MGM* 12.20, 2.30, 4.40, 6.55, 9.20; *Warner West End* 12.20, 2.30, 5.00, 7.20, 9.30, 11.50

STRANGE DAYS | 18) Cyberpunk thriller. Trocadero MGM Sat 12midnight; Plaza 8.20

THREE COLOURS BLUE (15) Part of the triology by the director of The Double Life of Vermitine and Dekalog, Curron Phoenix 2.05 [Sat), 4.15, 6.25, 8.35

[Sat), 4.15, 6.25, 8.25 TOP STORY (PG) Computer-animated convuganza. Barbican Caseme 2.00 (not Sat), 2.30 (Sat), 4.00, 6.15, 8.30; Odeon Leic Sq 12.40, 3.15, 5.50, 8.20, 11.10 (Sat); Odeon Marble Arch 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45 (Sat) Marble Arch LDS, 3-45, 6LB, 4-65 (each)
TERMISPOTTING 118). Adaptation of Irvine
Weish's smeth-bit novel. Haymarket MGM
1.20, 3-45, 6.10, 8-40; Invesdero MGM 9.30,
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Yugoslavia. Renoir 12.55, 4.25, 7.45
THE USUAL SUSPECTS (18) Five known
felous plan another crime whilst in custody.
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Warner West End 12midnight
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Shells Gish in Sam Mendes' revival of the 1970 Southerin and George Furth musical.

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HARRY AND NE Nigel Williams's savage cornedy.

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Martin Shaw and Anna Carteret star.

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King Street 10117-9877877) Bromley

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Willetts as the Doctor with a malevoleta
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Humphries, Richard Prince, Tony Oursie
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COMEDY Epsom SMION DAY AT EPSON PLAYBOUSE 6 Apr., Spin, Ashky Avenue (01372-742555) 18:50-£10.50.

London BEST IN STAND-IP AT COMEDY STORE Dermot Carmody, Paddy Keilty, John Mann, Matt Welcome & Paul Zenon. Tonight Spr. & 12midnight, Ozendon Street, SWI (01426-914433) & Picadally Chrus, £10.

BOUND AND GAGGED AT THE TUFNELL PARK Turtin Ed Brine, John Gordillo & Tim Vine. Smight 9.15pm, Tufnell Park Road. N7 10171-483 34561 & Tufnell Park, £6, cones £5,

CHISWICK COMEDY AT ROWNING CAFE BAR Giriyman Clorai, Sean Lock & Tony Roche. Tonicha 9pm, Stilchail Parade, Chiwick High Road, W4 (0181-742 1649) & Gunnershury, £6, coms £4.

CONTENT CAFE
Dave Jones, Militon Jones & Sean Meo.
Tonight 8.30pm. Rivington Street, ECL
[0171-739 5706] & Old Street, ES. EAST BULLINGH TRVERN Graham Norton, Smiley & Bert Tyler-Moore, Thought 9pm, Londship Lane, SE2 (0181-299-1138) 8 R.: North Dutwich, £5,

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Rhona Cameron, Ivor Dembina & Earl Olin. Tonight Spm, Englands Lane, NW3 (0171-483 3647) & Belsare Park, £6, comes £5. Dominic Holland, Sexu Meo & Jim Thware. Smight 7.15pm & 11.15pm, Lavender Gardens, SW11 (0171-924 2766) 8R:

HAMPSTEAD CONEDY AT THE WASHINGTON

Gardens, SWI (0111-95-2100) of Chipham Juncion, £10, concs.£7.

NOVELEURS CARROEN
Jim Breuter, Tim Clark & Tony Wood.
Penight 7.15pm & 11.15pm, Chalk Parm
Road, NWI (0171-93 £766) & Camden
Town, £10, concs.£7.

Bessle Man, Shocking When Crew Jamaican ragge MC The Forum Highgate Road NWS [0171-344 (044) BR & Kenrish Rown, Sun & 8 Apr., Tpm, £16. The Bottassed Youth, Generational High, The Charles Napiers US surf and punk rockers with garage and instrumental support. The Garage Highbury Corner NS (0171-607 1818/Scc 344 0044) & Highbury & Islington, Sun Som, £6. CONSENT STURE PLATERS
Josie Lawrence, Prud Merton, Neil
Mullarbey, Lee Simpson, Jim Sewcury &
Richard Vranch, Sun 8pm, Ovendon Street,
SW1 (01436-914433) @ Piradilly Circus, 59.

BARANA CABARET AT THE BEDFORD
Phill Jupitor & John Moloney, Sun Spm.
Bedford Hill, SW12 10181-673 17561

Balharn, Fc, comes F4. UP THE CREEK
Roger Dee, Seen Lock & Woody Bop
Muddy. Sun 9pm, Creek Road, 5E10 (0181858-1581) BR: Greenwich, 56, comes 54.

DANCE

London DRILL HALL ARTS CENTRE The Character Company: Watch My Lips Dance-drams satirising men's sensal poli-tics. Last perf tonight 7,30pm. £9-£10, conce £6. Chemics Street, WC1 (III71-657 £270) © Growton Street 16. Chemies Street,

Goodge Street.

PLACE HEATRE
Nable Siddings & Company: Rung Kethals
demonstration India about colour and
mood change. Tompin Spin. 26-48.
Dules's Road, WCI (0171-387 0031)

CLASSICAL

Eastbourne COMMENSS TREAME
Bearmannath Stationisting abbook With
Trinity College Charmeer Choir in Bach's St.
Lobin Plassion. Sun 7-50 pm. 48-511-50.
Devonshire Park Centre, Compton Street
(01323-412000/cc411555)

QUEEN ELIZABETH BALL.

The Bayrouth Blag Films of the classic Harry Knyfer-directed cycle, conducted by Daniel Barcoboun, Rheingold, wday ipm, Walkure, today 5.30pm, Siegfried, Sun Spm, Gottendamnerung, Each opera, 77.50-713.50 All Four, F22.50-F42.50, South Bank Centre, SEI (0171-960-6242) BR/O Waterloo. QUEEN ELIZABETH RALL

WIGHNORSE HALL
Endelbor String Quartet Beethoven's 2nd
Rasumovide with Mozar's Flora Quintet.
Bridght 7:30pm. £6-£14.
Sequiera Costa Chopin's Ender. Ops. 10 and
25. Sun 11.30pm. £7. Wignore Street, W1
10171-935 2141)

Bond Street.

OPERA London LONDON COLISEUM; ENGLISH NATIONAL BY ERA

Don Pasquale Donizetti's comedy in Patrick

Mason's production, conducted by Michael Mason's production, conducted by Mich Lloyd, Bunight 6,30pm, £8-£50. St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300) © Leicester Square/Charlog Cross.

Plymouth THEATRE BOTAL: D'UVLY CARTE
The Minade Fenton Gray directs Gilbert and
Sullivan's operetta for the company. Today
2.30pm & 7.30pm. 26-£21. Royal Parade
(01752-267222)

POP Berth Gong, Ourie Bustacies, Perceptive Pres, Bere And New Seventiles space-rock legends head-line. Best Pariston North Parade (01:225-449:31) Tonight Spon, £15.

Brighton
Geom Tibrook Acoustic show from the Squeeze songwriter. Concorde Madeira Drive (01273-606460)

Bristol
Name Death Braich death metal originals.
Bristol Berkeller All Saints Street (01179268514) Sun 7.30pm, £7.

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LORIGOR

Crassower 2808 Hardcore sil-dayer with
Stock Mojo, Mezauder, Power Of Expression, Slapshol and Turmoil.
Astoria 2 Cazring Cross Road WC2 (0171434 0403) & Ron Ct Road. Sun 1 pm, £10.

Beys Of The Lough, The Pennins Fiddler Aly
Bain's Soothish follics, with all-festate harmoney group in support, Berktoon Hall Barbizm Centre EC2 (0171-438 8991)

& Moorgale. Turight 7.30pm, £7-£10.

Ne Way Sis, The Other Barlins Tribute hand
double-bill. The Forum Highgate Road
NWS (0171-344 0044) BR/& Kentish Town.

Tomgin 9pm, £6.

Sun Spin, 26.

Sury Names Eighties synth star back in the charts with the TV ad-assisted re-release of Cors. Harmersruht. Apollo Oncen Caroline Street W6 (0171-416 6080)

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Wembley Park. Engight 6:30pm, £12.51-£35.

Mitton Keynes

Gary Names See London, Wengliton Centre
Chaffron Way (01908-661392) Toright

7.30pm, £9. Oxford

Wite & The Buehades Genesis man Mike
Rutherford's successful AOR side-project,
Apollo Theme George Street 10186624544 Tonight 7,30pm, £14.

Reacting
Gen Throak See Brighton, Alleyar Gun
Street (01734-561116) Sun 3pm. Eb-E1.
Bline & The Mackanics See Oxford,
The Hengon Queens Walk 101734-591591)

um 7.30pm, £14.

jazz, world, folk etc London

Billy Judder: & The Blues Collective Pank-jazz gujarist. Pink Blues Collective Pank-jazz gujarist. Pink Bunchtate Club Lewisham Labour Chub, Lames Grove SEL3 (0181-690 0431) BR: Lewisham, Thought

lpm, £2 Scott Resilton Quartet Tweedy US tenarist Firm Express Dean Street W1 10171-439 87:23 ♦ Tott C: Rd. 6-8 Apr. 8pm, £12.50. 87:2) & Tott Ct Rd. 6-8 Apr. 8pm, E12-50.
Charle Pulsers Mr. Moe plays cabaret.
Pricas on the Park Knightsbridge SW1 (0171-235 5550) & Hyde Park Corner. Men-Sai
Spon, ends 13 Apr. £18. adv £16.
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Seven Sisters Road N4 (0171-344 0044)
& Finsbury Park. Touight 8pm, £6.
Reddie Habhard Bop trumpet legend with a
funly Brit-Jozz sente. The Hydraric Chappel
Markot (0171-713 58591 & Angel. Touight
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Asan Williamon/Paul Hauston/Shonn H Fell
Out-jazz conference. Varier Stoke Newington Church Street N16 (0171-254 6516) BRS
Stoke Newingson. Sun Sput, £4, cones £3.

LITERATURE processors from Words: The Letters Of Sand and Floubert Peter Byte joins Irene Worth is this performance based on the letters of George Sand & Gustave Flaubert, Today 4pm, 23-£15. Irano Worth: A Portrait Of Edith Wha trene Worth calebrates her eightieth birth day with a portrait of the American poet and noveles. Abnetila Theure Almeida Street NI (0171-339 4404) © Angel. Tonight 8pm, 53-£15.

EVENTS Bury St Edinamids
Costumes From Pride & Projectes Display
of costumes from the recent BBC televisio
serial. Manor House Museum Honey Hill
[01284-757076] Ends 14 Apr., phrose for

Cardiff Piking Ships A look at the historical and cultural background of these sailing vessels. Welsh Industrial & Maritume Museum Bute Street 101222-4819191 Ends 21 Apr. phone

Chepstow

Dimesur Readshor Activities and games
bringing prehistoric days to life for children
of all ages. Drill Hall Lower Church Street
[01291-625981] Mon-Sum Ham-Spm, ands
24 Apr. 21, cones 50p, under 18's & Monmouth Borough Residents free. Dover Easter Fan Trail Puzzles and posers for all

the family, Whate Cliffs Experience Market Square 101304-2101011 Mor-Sun 10am-Sput, ends 21 Apr. £4.99, child £3.50, cones £3.99, under 4's free. Eastbourne
The Planton Of The Opera On toe Colourful costumes, an original sever and a cast of top states in this show for all ages.

Devonsities Park Theater Compton Street
BN21 [01.323-412000] BR: Eastbourne.
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available.

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Roman Landscaped garden. Accademia Italiana Gressenor Place SWI (0171-235 0303)

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2121) BR: Alexandra Palace. Edday
10.30am-5.30pm, San & 8 Apr. 10am5.30pm, 24.50. canes £3.51, child £2.50.

The Edday Event days of followers. Easter Folk Festival Four days of folk muse from today's up and coming young perform-ers. Barbiam Hall Barbican Centre EC. (0171-638 8891)

Moorgate. 6-8 Apr.

Easter Rite Feethval Annual event featuring kites of all shapes and sizes. Rhockheath SE3 (01322-2844341 BR: Blackheath, Sun &

n. £1.20, child free. Meni Home Exhibition Europe's greatest Ideal Bome Exhibition Enrope's graduiton Cen-consumer show. Earl's Court Endation Cen-tre Warwick Road SW5 [0171-373 8141]

◆ Enris Court, Sat & Sun 10am-Spin, 8 Apr., 10am-Spin, ends 8 Apr., £9, cones £5, under 5's free. under 5's frac.

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between the two famous universities. River Thames from Putney to Mordake (0171-374 3234) & Putney Bridge, Today 3,30pm, free, Maidstone
Easter Celebrations Traditional featreties including Maypole disacting. Mortis men and a Mad Flatter's ten tent. reds Castle (01622-88008) 6-S Apr. 10am-5pm, 16, cones £4.80, child £3.70.

AUCTIONS Swindow: Two day book take, Wednesday and Thursday 111am1 when a unique library of books about travel and archaeology in the Middle East will be officred, fachoding papyrus fragments, Dountine Winter, The Cold School, Microell Street (01793-611340).

Bower Three-day sale: Thursday 110.30am1, wanches, gold pens and 12pm1 Christopher Drusser plenic set, pe "ery, toys and ethine items, Friday 110.39am, tools, surveying, medical and nusseal instruments, pictures prints and containe. "helding top hats, and 11pm), lurniture, inc. ding a full-size anooker table and bress balos. "dings Saturday, household effects 11 from Chraves Son & Picher, Hove Auction Remains. Howe Street (01273-7135260).

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coowne, plants, urgans, erectrous asy-boards, ned Saurday (12 noon) at Linton Vi-lage Hall, Lancuser Auctions (01.22-502665). Insurboux Sporting memorabilis, coins, metalis, automobilis, toys, Friday (4.30m). Claire Raviet, Manor Orchards, Corkserew Laue, Sta-plegrove (01823-324963). Greanwich: Jeweilery, much with no reserve, including two kilos of gold in parcels and em-gle items, original Victorian and Edwardian rings, needdaces, brooches, brocelets, and a pri-vate collection of pearls and a selectrism of pre-Filities watches - Rober, Tiffany, Omega, Le Couline: Mon (7pm) in the Tirafalgar Tawern. Courts Jeweilery Auctions (0181-293 1954). Satton-la-Mahitakir Remaining contenus of a Derbyshire rectury and contents of Ferndale House. Kirkby in Ashifield, comprising antique stoneware front. Wechnesday (1 inan) at The Auction Gallery, 87 Chatsworth Street 101773-872419).

101773-572419). Nettingham: Woodworking machinery and fitted bathrooms. Thursday (10.30sm) at 92 ston Drive, Amold. John Pye (0115-970 1989), Antiques Trade Gazette (0171-930 4957), Government Auction News (0171-353 7300, Fux-U-Back Hotline 0330-423488).

NEC Actions Birmingham, Thursday-Sunday - first April Iaus, joining NEC August (0121-767 2760). 767 2760), next Saturday and Sunday (West Midland Antique Fairs (Il 743-271444).

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Easter Antiques and Cellecters, 400 stands, Hall 3, Wembley Exhibition Centre, Monday 11ax 01444-400570).

Church services

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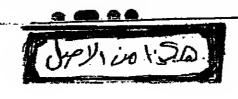
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Lotta and the Englishmen 11.30am R4. A distinctly weint, dreamlike look at the business of finding a parties, through the eyes of Lotta Enkson, a Swedish journalist who spends a week going on blind dates with a variety of engibla English bachelors.

Making Sense B. 30pm R4. Business grips beines: Flandy looks at the changing world forwork send, finds, in the modern bend flowards temporary and part-time employment, not so much insecurity as an apportunity to recreate our fives in more usurtiently forms. Interesting, if unconvincing.

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BBC2. (above) What are e-mail, smart carris and the Internet Does this sound like the Instead pour mine? This new series begins by religious programmers and Sen Pertine (7565). Your mine? This new series begins by religious programmers and Sen Pertine (7565). Your mine? This new series begins by religious programmers and Sen Pertine (7565). Without Walks Superceips and Rejens 9 per Hollywood Stars missecresery disabled lact Nabil Sharian (89.85). Without Walks (44P), 9.30 pm. (4) 1945 Sound of the perfect flat hate (716855). Rolling history of the perfect flat hate (716855). Rolling history of the perfect flat hate (716855). Rolling history of the fire carrier on of the firete men convicted of set relationship (87847).

Seymour the Fractal Cat. I light Rd. A five part Table of computers getting uppity, in this case using Seymour the Cat are chained for rebellion Paul Bown plays the hapless arroral, to whom bad stuff happens; John Hegiev is his computer. Greg Proops the talking cat:

The Millions Potent Radio Sliow Addenous Special 7.20pm R4. One of the Letter, and cornedy shows kinks back at the less 1,000 year I three years early, on the grounds that by we'll all be so suck of the word "differential" wa wouldn't listen. They have a point.

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The Mask of Ornheits / Triff \$3. It's a good week for his are modern opens. Philip Glass's cosmic Columbus: apis The Younge was on at the weekend; and there's Harrison Birtunsties, take on the Orpheus legend, Jaimching a South Bank retrospective of his work.

Sunday television and radio

BBC₁

7.40 One Good Turn (John Paddy Carstairs 1954 UK). Norman Wisdom tries to raise money for an orphanage threatened with closure. In other

words, stay in bed (7973587).
9.10 News; Weather (5175804). *

9.15 See Hear! (R) (S) (733755).
9.45 This Multimedia Business (R) (S) (8683228).
10.00 Risen Today. An act of worship for Easter Sunday morning, live from Upton Vale Baptist Church, Torquay (S) (43736).

11.00 Urbi et Orbi. Live from St Peter's Square in Rome, Pope John Paul II gives his traditional Easter message and blessing (\$) (3509378). 11.40 Secret Gardens (R) (2244945).

11.50 Michael Barry's Choice Cuts, Duck (2240129). 12.00 CountryFile (S) (24026).

12.30 The Care Bears Adventure in Wonderland! (Raymond Jafelice 1987 US), Curiouser and curiouser (S) (8048823).

1.45 EastEnders Omnibus (S) (7673281). *
3.05 EastEnders Omnibus (S) (7673281). *
Donen 1954 US). Rip-roaring, no holds-barred musical in which seven wood-chopping brothers decide to get married. Howard Keel and Jane Powell are the first couple (31213858). *

The Clothes Show. Featuring Sride of the Year Heather McCurry and her dress (S) (522736). Masterchef 1996. Return of Loyd Grossman and his strangulated diction, assisted by TV chef Gary Rhodes and Geraldine James (5852755). *

5.50 News; Weather (117552). Regional News (521804). Songs of Praise. From York Minster to celebrate

Easter Day (S) (891991). * Antiques Roadshow From Fountains Abbey, North Yorkshire (S) (132910). *

Hamish Macbeth: Isobel goes after a story which could be her big scoop (S) (460465). * Over Here, 1/2. See Preview (S) (4650113). News; Weather (286755). *

10.05 Ruby Wax Meets... Heidi Fleiss. See Preview (S) (852705). * The Nose at Ten - Best of Comic Relief. Jo Brand

Introduces more comedy highlights (S) (752755). 11.05 Heart of the Matter. Joan Bakewell visits Jerusalem to explore the historical evidence

surrounding the story of Jesus (462194). 12.00 Lethal Charm Richard Michaels 1991 US). Barbara Eden and Heather Locklear struggle to convince as Investigative reporters in the White

House press corps (S) (89359). * 1.30 Weather (5631934). To 1.35am. REGIONS. Wales: 12.00am Squash. 12.30 Film:

Lethal Charm. 2.00 News; Weather.

Radio 4

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

8.55 Weather.

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7.10 Sunday Papers. 7.15 On Your Farm.

9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers.

10.25 The Archers.

9,15 Letter from America. 9,30 Morning Service.

11.45 Books & Company. (6/8). 12.15 Desert Island Oiscs. With vet-

eran cricket umpire Dickle Bird. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World This Weekend.

1.00 The World I'ms viceteard.
1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time.
2.30 The Classic Serial: All Things
8etray Thee. by Gwyn Thomas.
The Verdict. (3/3).
3.30 Pick of the Week.

4.15 With Great Pleasure.

5.00 News; Venom. (2/4). 5.30 Poetry Please!

5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 Six O'Clock News.

6.15 African Harvest. (2/4). 6.30 in Business. 7.00 Children's BBC Radio 4: Trav

7.00 Colloren's BISC Radio 4: Ifav-elling Light. Ecky's Story. (6/6). 7.30 Reading Aloud: Growing Up. A Triangle in Geography, by Angela Huth. (1/7). 8.00 (FM) The Natural History

Programme. 8.30 (FM) Working History.(4/6).

9.30 (FM) Costing the Earth.

9.59 Weather

12.00 News.

10.00 News. 10.15 Medicine Now.

11.45 Seeds of Faith.

12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00 As World Service.

9.00 (FM) Fourth Column Revisited.

10.45 Breaksway. 11.15 On Hearing the First Cuckos.

12.00 News.
12.30 The Late Story: April Fool.
Set In post-Solidarity Poland and
written and read by Carl Tighe.

6.00am News Briefing. 6.10 Something Understood.

7.40 Sunday. 8.50 The Week's Good Cause.

BBC 2

7.30 Children's BBC: JIm Henson's Animal Show.
7.55 Playdays. 8.15 Follow That Bunny. 8.45 Postman Pat. 9.10 Rupert. 9.15 The All New Popeye Show. 9.40 Phantom 2040. 10.05 The Littlest Pet Shop. 10.30 Grange Hill, 10.55 The Ant and Dec Show. 11.20 Charlie Brown and Shopey Show. Snoopy Show,

11.45 Star Trek (R) (9578465). * 12.35 The O Zone (S) (3902620).

1.05 Singled Out. Dating show American-style (S) (79347991). Siles They Were Expendable (John Ford 1945 US). Classic war movie, shot with passion and insight by Ford, who had served in the Navy himself - and Indeed was still seconded. Robert

motor torpedo-boats in the Philippines in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor (50496007).
Rugby Special. John Inverdale presents highlights of Gloucester v Bristol (S) (1117587).

Montgomery and John Wayne man the American

Argentinian Grand Prix. Live commentary from 8uenos Aires (S) (98820007).

7.15 Screen Firsts: He Shoots, He Scores (382262).
7.25 Bookmark. The concluding part of Sean O'Mordha's Impressive biography of Samuel Beckett. See Preview (S) (206194). Fantasy Football League. Angus Deayton and Zoe Ball share the lads' sofa (R) (S) (791281).

8.50 Down the Street of Dreams Documentary about a boxer (S) (2529945).

10.00 Argentinian Grand Prix Highlights from Buenos

Aires (S) (971007). 10.40 FUG Thunderheart (Michael Apted 1992 US).

Powerful thriller set in the mid 1970s In which FBI agent Val Kilmer – In denial of his part-Sioux nationality – is sent by cynical superior Sam Shephard to investigate a murder at an American Indian reservation in South Dakota (Followed by Weatherview) (68656484). *

12.40 Film: Sadgati (Satyajit Ray 1981 Ind), Politically very direct film from the great Ray, telling of a high-caste bully working a low-caste labourer to death. Om Puri and Mohan Agashe star

(6326779). To 1.25am. 2.00 The Learning Zone: Learning Zone: Community Programmes Season – a Sense of Britain: Over The Edge (66311). 2.30 Open Space (85446). 3.00 Open Space (42156). 3.30 Over the Edge (76798). 4.00 Languages: Business Language Show (50589). 5.00 Business and Work: Open Space (28088). * 5.30 Business Matters

(13069). To 6.00am.

REGIONS. Wales: 3.40pm Scrum 5. NI: 1.30pm

Now You're Talking. 1.55 Film: 8utch Cassidy
and the Sundance Kid.

ITV/London

6.00 GMTV 6.00 The Sunday Review. 6.30 News and Sport. Presented by Anne Davies. 7.00 The Sunday Programme (15200).

B.00 Disney Club. Guests include Pauline Quirke and

actor/singer John Alford (S) (82213945). 10.15 Link (S) (5392587). * 10.30 Morning Worship. From the Roman Catholic

cathedral in Brentwood, Essex (S) (27804). *
11.30 Blessed Are They. The Dalai Lama reflects on the Christian concept of meekness (S) (6717281). * 11.55 Chalke Talk (S) (8518026).

12.30 Daffy Duck's Easter Show (R) (3919910).
12.55 Local News, Weather (89151910). *
1.00 News, Weather (42097674). *
1.10 The Easter Enigma. Sir David Frost and guests – including the Archbishop of Canterbury – search

for the truth behind the resurrection story. Good luck (3788216). * 2.00 Murder, She Wrote. A writer is found dead. No.

not that one, unfortunately (3036026). *

The Scarlet and the Black (Kenneth Colley 1983 US/It) The true story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, a Vatican official who concealed thousands of allied PoW escapees in German-

occupled Rome. Stars Gregory Peck, Christopher Plummer and John Glelgud (92806129). 5.15 The London Programme. The capital's firemen and women and how they're coping with budget

cuts (5847823).
5.50 London Tonight (774216). *
6.15 News, Weather (582674). *
6.30 Surprise! Surprise! (\$) (74552). *

7.30 Doctor Finlay. An ex-colonial couple recently returned from India give reason to worry. Who is their daughter and why is the husband so against any contact with her? (S) (88939). *

8.30. You've Been Framed! (R) (S) (3718). * 9.00 Band of Gold. Collette turns to Rose for help as the drugs finally wear down Tracy (S) (6939). *
10.00 News, Weather (871007). *

10.15 The South Bank Show Special: Elaine Palge Melvyn Bragg does the honours (S) (340129). * 11.45 Theatreland. Miss Julie at the Young Vic, and an Interview with Mandy Patinkin (899910). 12.15 Sledge Hammer (20953).

12.45 Perfect People (Bruce Seth Green 1988 US). Comedy about an ageing couple who panic about losing their youth and start a crash programme to improve their looks (974156). 2.30 IIIM to Search of a Golden Sky (Jefferson

Richard 1984 US). Social services snatch three orphans from their lovable old uncle (685427). ITV Sport Classics II (40694205). 4.35 Shift (R) (8156514). 5.30 News (67345). To 6.00am.

Channel 4

6.15 Trans World Sport (R) (6586200). 7.10 Take 5. With The Magic Roundabout, Bush Tails, Natalie, Ivor the Engine and Joggy Bear (S)

(5938129).

7.40 The Magic School Bus (S) (7789910). B.05 Sonic the Hedgehog (1500620). 8.35 The Trap Door (4414668).

8.40 Slast Off (3028705).

B.50 Biker Mice from Mars (R) (8834945). 9.15 The Secret World of Alex Mack (S) (726465). 9.45 Dumb and Dumber. The cartoon version of the successful Jim Carrey movie (2867194).

Insektors. Award-winning new series about an eccentric fantasy world of insectile characters (6919858)

10.15 Sister Sister. US sitcom (S) (813945). 10.45 The Legend of the Hawalian Slammers (S) (812216).

11.15 NBA Raw, The New York Knicks v Orlando Magic (799571).

12.15 Mission Impossible (240151). *

FIEM All Dogs Go to Heaven (Don Bluth 1989 US). Animation by Disney rival Bluth, about a dog which dies and goes to heaven (\$) (96552552). *

ENEW How Green Was My Valley (John Ford 1941 US). The Welsh valleys as created at the 20th Century Fox backlot, in Ford's sentimental,

sometimes genuinely moving version of Richard Liewellyn's novel of turn-of-the-century coal mining life. Stars Walter Pidgeon, Maureen O'Hara, Oscar-winning Donald Crisp and Roddy McDowall (89102397).

5.00 The Pink Panther Show (7151).

5.30 Hollyoaks (R) (S) (197). *

6.00 Gulliver's Travels. See Preview (S) (56453281).

7.45 Travelog Sandi Toksvig in Toronto. (S) (993552).

8.00 Encounters: The Treasure of the Humboldt Glacier. The adventurous story of aircraft dealer

Darryl Greenameyer, who planned to recover the abandoned American B29 bomber that crashed near the North Pole in 1947 (S) (6045). * 9.00 Suicide Island. Repeated Secret History film about how, when US Marines invaded the Pacific Island of Saipan in 1944, hundreds of Japanese

civilians committed suicide by jumping from a high cliff into the sea (R) (7281). *

10.00 See The Crying Game (Neil Jordan 1992 UK). See The Big Picture (S) (30674755). * 12.05 Football Italia (5688750). 1.05 Somer's feature film debut, based on his own experiences during the Lebanon War. Danny Roth plays a soldier who is sent to a rehabilitation hospital (286868). To 2.40am.

ITV/Regions

AMGUA
As London except: 12.30pm Bugs v Daffly (47.465). 2.00
Highway to Henven (30.96026). 2.55 R Mitchell – Birth
of a Spittine (807.4262). 3.30 Filter: The Bridge at Rennagrs (91.9007). 5.20 Carloon (17.86804). 5.35 Helinoon
(400.129). 11.45 Filter Night Moves (430378). 1.40am
Hotel Bebylon (3627799). 2.20am Shift (701.224).
3.20am Coach (49.432205). 3.45am Filter White Cargo (61.72798). 5.00-5.30am Furthy Business (1551.4).

THE TES/MBISNIBE
As London except: 12.25pm Tyre: Newsweek (3905007), thris: The Powers That Be (3914755). 2.50 Cartoon Time (239497). 3.05 Film Dr No (23917113). 5.05 RoboCop (7543649). 11.45 Film: Hanover Street (430378). 1.40am Film: Dushman (79515446). 4.30-5.30am Joblinder (58040).

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As Landon except: 12.30pm Navaweek (3919910): 2.00
Good Advice (1587): 2.30 Film: Return of the Jedi (15387262): 4.55 The Mekiding of Cultimost Island (15887262): 4.55 The Mekiding of Cultimost Island (15617397): 5.20 Caricon (8349939): 5.40 Our House (329200): 11.45 War of the Worlds (865842): 4.10am Jobinder (8750021): 5.20-5.30am Asian Eye (1353798).

Re London except: 12.25pm West: Dogs with Dunbar (3905007), Wales: Wish You Were Here...? (3905007), 2.00 West: Getaways (1587), Wales: The House (8508945), 2.30 West: West Match Plus (66533), 2.35 (8508945), 2.30 West: West Match Plus (65533), 2.35 Walers: Socror Sunday (7830129), 3.30 Sport Cassics (193), 4.00 West; Film: The Calne Mulliny (76176533), 4.10 Wales: Pictures from the Athc (2189194), 4.40 Wales: Pictures from the Athc (2189194), 4.40 Wales: Pictures from the Athc (2189194), 4.70 Wales: Pictures from the Athc (2189194), 4.70 Wales: Pictures from the Athc. (2175598), 1.45 Film: Night Moves (430378), 2.00 m Coach (2175598), 2.20 m Coach (2175598), 3.40 m Film: White Cargo (2149595), 5.00-5.30 em Funny Business (155141).

MERIQUAL
As London except: 12.30pm Cartoons (96-18736), 2.00
The Fer (5-863736), 2.25 The Match (3117945), 3.25
Cartoon (8912736), 3.40 The Making of Cuttivoot 1sland (2820020), 4.10 Film: Dr No (91258736), 11.45
Film: Night Moves (449026), 1.35am Hotel Babyton
(2587514), 2.20am Shift (7012224), 3.20am Coach (49432205), 3.45am Film: White Cargo (6172792) 5.00-5.30am Funny Business (15514),

WESTCORNINY
As London except: 12.30 pm Lipdate (3919910). 2.00
Wid West Country (1587). 2.30 Weekend Match (649).
3.00 World of Wonder (7194). 3.30 Film: The Boto (282281). 5.15 Dr Qurin, Medicine Worrian (7532533).
11.45 Film: Night Moves (449026). 1.35am Hotel Babyon (5587514). 2.20 ms Shift (7012224). 3.20 mm Cosch (49432205). 3.45am Film: White Cargo (6172798).
5.00-5.30am Firmy Business (15514).

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Radio

Radio 1 197.6-99.8MHz FM)

7.00am Kevin Greening 10.00 Dave Pearce 2.00 Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation 4.00 UK Top 40 7.00 Up for it., Radio 1 Sound City
- Leeds 8.00 Radio 1 Sound City: Radio 1 Rock Show 10.00 Andy Kershaw 12.00 Mary Anne Hobbs 4.00-6.30am Charlie Jordan Radio 2

(88-90 2MHz FM)

7.00am Don Maclean 9.05 Steve Wright's Sunday Love Songs 11.00 Parlorson's Sunday Supplement 1.00 Desmond Carrington 3.00 Benny Green 4.00 Let's Dance 4.30 Constant of Sunday Supplement 5.00 Page 4.30 Constant of Supplement 5.00 Page 4.30 Constant Supple 6.00 Page 4.00 Page 4.00 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Pam Ayres 7.00 David Jacobs 7.30 Prom Praise 9.00 Alan Keith 10.00 The Carry on Clan See Choice. 11.58 Pause for Thought 12.05 Steve Madden 3.00-6.00am Alex Lester

Radio 3 190.2-92.4Mb; FMD

7.00am Sacred and Profane. With Paul Guinery. 8.55 Choice of Three. With politician David Mellor. 9.00 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning. 12.15 Music Matters. Ivan Hewett celebrates Easter with a special

edition from Jerusalem. 1.08 News, Trading Places, 12/5).
1.25 The Sunday Concert, Introduced by Mairi Nicholson, BBC
Philhammonic/Solti, Strauss; Also speach Zarathustra; Tod und

2.40 Spirit of the Age. 3.40 Harmond 2.40 Spirit of the Age.
3.40 Harewood House Concerts.
The First of Harewood Introduces a programme of music by Prokates, Deorate and Poulenc.
5.00 Capable Patientsis.
5.45 The States Feature:
Donbert First Mad Scene. A portrat of Donbert's final years, with House Rodway as the great Malian composer.
6.30 Subdisti String Ensemble.
Mozart Departmento in B flat.

Mozart: Divertimento in B flat. K.137: Mendelssohn: String

Symphony no.9 in C; Grieg: 2 Elegalo melodies, op.34 7.30 The Sunday Play: Measure for Measure William Shakespeare's intense study of power and morestry in which the Dule of Vienna leaves the city, charging his

deputy Angelo with the task of cleaning up vice.

9.50 Choir Works, Taverner, Durn transisset, Machillan, Visitatio sepulchri, Vaugnan Williams-Five Mystical Songs.

11.15 Music from South Korea.

11.45-11.00sm Record Review.

Choice

Two great peaks of English drama: a well-merited re-run of 1994's fine production of Measure for Measure (7.30pm R3), starring Saskia Reeves; and a celebration of The Carry On Clan (10pm R2), introduced by Barbara Windsor (talk about twin peaks! Phwoarr!, etc), starring that infamous double act Sid James and Hattie Jaques (left).

5.55-6.00am (FM) The Radio 4UK 5.55-6.00am (LW) Shipping Fore-

Radio 5

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(R3: 90kit km)
6.05am Brief Lives 6.30 The
Breakfast Programme 9.05 Sunday
with Mair 11.35 Special Assignment 12.00 Midday Edition 12.15
The Big Byta 1.05 Baker and Kelly
Up Front 2.30 Gary Lineker's Sunday Sport 7.00 News Extra 7.35
You Cannot Be Serious 8.35
Caught on the Web 9.00 Dailyn
Worldwide 10.05 The Jab 10.35
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6.00am Morning Reports

Classic FM

7.00am Classic FM Hall of Farne. The All Time Classic Greats, presented by Sarah Lucas, including 9.00 Nick Bailey, 12.00 Mile Read, 2.00 Alan Mann, 4.00 Jamie Crick and 7.00 Robert Cowen, 10.00 Book Browse, 11.00 Howard's Week. John Russell talks to some of the writers and participants at the 16th Annual Writers Conference held last weekend at the University of Southampton, 1,00 Mel Cooper, 4,00-6,00am Mark Griffiths.

Virgin Radio (1215; 1197-1238)企業 105,2002 70 6.00am Janey Lee Grace 10.00 Graham Dene 2.00 Nicky Horne 6.00 Mitch Johnson 10.00 Gary Davies 2.00-6.00am Robin Banks

World Service 傳動

Observation 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Development 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Development 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Short Story 2.45 On the Move 3.00 Newsday 3.30 UFO's Fact or Fiction ? 4.00 World News 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30. Jazz for the Asking 5.00 Newsdesk 5.30 Off the Shell, Miss Smitte's Feeling for Snow

Satellite

SXY ONE
6.00am Hour of Power (42674),
7.00 Undun (1256823), 11.30
Ghoul-tashed (89991), 12.00
The Hit Mix (77620), 1.00 Star
Tiek (93668), 2.00 The World at
War (64755), 3.00 Star Tiek:
Voyager (90007), 4.00 WWF Action Zone (48282), 5.00 Around
the World (3587), 5.30 Mighty
Worphin Power Rangers (9200),
6.00 The Simpsons (6113), 7.00
Beverly Hills 90210 (10303),
8.00 Star Tiek: Voyager (23823),
9.00 Love and Betrayal: The Mia
Farrow Story (26910), 11.00 Seinfeld (98741), 11.30 Duckman
(52910), 12.00 60 Mhuttes
(57514), 1.00 She-Wolf of London (83514), 2.00-6.00am Hit
Mix Long Play (7806232),
SXY MOVIES

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6.00am Cleopatra (1963)
(2193484), 10.00 Bectime Story
(1964) (72129), 12.00 The
Viking Queen [1967) (61755),
1.30 Son of the Pink Parither
(1993) (20513129), 3.15 The
Waitons' Crisis, An Easter Story
(1990) (28568858), 5.00 Tom
and Jerry: The Movie [1993)
(49303), 7.00 Mario & the Mobil 1990) (766451, 9.00 Murrier (1990) (86465). 9.00 Murder One (38755). 10.00 Wolf (1994)/85963303), 12.05 The (1994/63953/13), 12.05 fine Movie Show (7333330), 12.35 Ghost in the Machine (1993) (507408), 2.15 Lies of the Heart (1993) (815717), 3.45-6.00am Sudden Fury (1993) (25478427).

MOVIE CHANGEL 6.00am Little Nemo: Adventures in Stumberland (1993) (39858). 8.00 That's My Boy (1951) (28419129), 9.40 That's Enter-tainment, Part 3 (1994) (30191020), 11.35 Jurassic Park (1993) (50050465), 1.45 Circle (1993) (50959465). 1.45 Clock 11993) (50959465). 1.45 Cleak & Dagger (1984) (32141200). 3.30 El (3769). 4.00 Back to the Beach (1987) (42620). 5.30 Moorraker (1979) (757113). 8.00 Jurassic Park (1993) (27649). 10.00 True Romanca (1993) (88216). 12.00 Trapped in Space (1994) (38345). 1.30 Chain of Command (1993) (2928851, 3.10 Inserts (1975) (395427), 5.00-6.00am Little Miss Broadway (1938) (21359).

201 ROMEZ 60FD 12.00pm The Last Days of Pompeii (1935) (250397). 1.40 The Bible (1956) (80243741). 4.30 Easter Parade (1948) (84171668). 6.15 Father of the Bride (1950) (68123910). 8.00 Guns at Batasi (1964) (16179). 10.00 The Untouchables (1987) (10622200). 12.05 The Verdict (1982) (63262779). 2.15-3.55am The Devil Rides Cut (1968) (238408). Devil Rides Out (1968) (238408).

BIK GOLD
7.00am Give Us A Clue
(1197378), 7,30 Going for Gold
(1109113), 8,00 Angels
(9666910), 9,00 When the Boat
Comes in (6296804), 10.00
Blake's Seven (1105397), 11.00
The Vortex Short (30988587),
11.10 Or Who (96516587), 10.00
Perry Mason (47879533), 2,50
Paul Daniel's Cutck Trick
(2656303), 3,00 The Bill Omnibus (71456804), 5,20 To the
Manor Bom (5638378), 6,00 The
Two Ronnies (1124945), 7,00
Morecambe and Wha (4949533),
8,00 Poldark (53546804), 9,05
Elizabeth R (80526113), 11.00
The Bob Morkhouse Show
(1106026), 12,00 A Very Peculiar
Practice (24861040), 1,05 Thin
Air (1345427), 2,00-7.00am
Shopping at Night (8707303). ARK COLD Shopping at Night (8707303).

SICY SPORTS Sty Storts
7.00am Rugby Union (13533).
9.00 Cricket (275674). 11.30
Futbol Mundial (32007). 12.00
Goals on Sunday (85303). 1.30
Rugby (10736). 3.00 Scottish
Cup Semi-final (4732910). 7.00
Snooker (4131194). 10.30 Davis
Cup Tennis (27194). 12.303.00am Bestlettell (7.31885).

SKY SPORTS 2 7.00am Soccer Extra (5822007). 11.00 Australian Rules Footbell 11:00 Australian Ruies Protoini (9932668), 1.00 Snooker (1810755), 4.00 World Sport Special (5859113), 4.30 Squash (9924842), 5.30 Basketball (5800674), 8.00 Golf (4748668). 11.00 Scottish Cup Semi-linal (3271552). 12.00 Formula Three (2818392). 12.30-1.00am Powerboat World (7840601).

6.00am Video Box. 6.30 Home Shopping 7.00 Fate and Fortune. 7.30 The Why Files? 8.00 425. 9.00 Mind and Body. 9.30 Weigh to Go. 10.00 The Fashion Show. to Go. 10.00 ine resmon show.

10.30 Spanish Archer. 11.00

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12.30 The Why Files? 1.00 425.

2.00 Sport 2.30 Chequered Flag.

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4.30 The Fashion Show. 5.00

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Body. 6.00 Video Box. 6.30

Spanish Archer. 7.00 425. 8.00

Showbiz 9.00 Fate and Fortune. Showbiz, 9.00 Fate and Fortune, 9.30 The Why Files? 10.00 Weird Night. 10.30 The Fashion Show. 11.00 Topless Darts. 11.04 Span-ish Archer. 11.30 Stand Up. 12.00 The Sex Show. 12.30 Weird Night, 1.00 Home Shop-ping, 1.30 Spanish Archer, 2.00 Fish Tank, 3.00 Showbiz, 4.00 Fate and Fortune, 4.30 The Why Fates? 5.00 Video Box, 5.30-6,00am The Fashion Show.

Pastimes

Chess William Hartston Michael Adams is having a half-open g-file was not fine tournament in New enough to win the game, he

field with three rounds left Viktor Korchnoi.

positions, as he showed against Joel Benjamin. Btack's artificial-looking opening play had the sound ohiective of exchanging white-squared hishops and leaving Black with a strongly supported knight on d5. After exchanges on f6, he seemed to have strengthened his centre at the 10 Nbd2 0-0 24 Rc6 Qd7 expense of leaving his king 11 Ne4 Nac7 25 Ne5 Qe7

a little exposed. Adams. Realising that the 14 Bxf6 gxf6

York, where he leads the played 18.f4! to tempt another weakness on the to play, a point ahead of e5-h8 diagonal. The final strain was applied by 24.Rc6 and Black collapsed. At the What makes Adams so formidable is his ability to end, 27...Od7 28.Oe5+ Rg7 conjure withering attacks 29.Nxg7 costs Black a piece.

White: Michael Adams out of slightly advantageous Black: Joel Benjamin 1 e4 c5 15 Rc1 d5 16 Ng3 Qd7 17 Nh4 Bd6 2 Nf3 e6 3 c3 Nf6 4 e5 Nd5 18 f4 f5 5 d4 cxd4 19 Nh5 Qf7 6 cxd4 b6 20 Rf3 Kh8 7 Bc4 Ba6 21 Rh3 Rg8 8 Bxa6 Nxa622 Nf3 Qe7 9 0-0 Be7 23 Qe2 Ne8

little exposed. 12 Bg5 f6 26 Rxd6 Nd6
That was enough for 13 exf6 Nxf6 27 Nc6 1-0

Perplexity

Return Trip:

No ordinary word rebus (Easter version). Eggs? Rabbits? Something else? Opening runes demanded, easily read with instructions, then - hold everything - next directed into newly generated sentence.

The above apparent gibberish should lead to the name of an animal - send it to: Saturday Pastimes, the Independent, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL, by 18 April, and you may win a Larousse Desk Reference Encyclopedia.

23 March answer: "Sure to frown in the wet con-ditions" is an anagram of "Now is the winter of our discontent". Winner: B.Annat (Hudders-

Bridge Alan Hiron

Game all; dealer South North **\$8763 VAK**5 **♦QJ107 ♠**K4

East

West

φK **4Q42** ♥J942 ♥10863 ♦AK5 0983 **\$108652 #**J93 South **♦**AJ1095 ۷Q 7 **\$642**

Everything looked straightforward to declarer on this deal - surely he had simply to rely on the Principle of Restricted Choice? But he ran

♣A Q 7

4 by South was routine. (Yes, 3NT would have been a comfortable alternative.) West nals, it was clearly indicated started with three rounds of diamonds but all went well for declarer and everything hinged

on his play of the trump suit. Familiar with the percentage play, South took a firstking. He planned to take a second-round finesse (a losing play only if West started with KQ doubleton), following the well-established principle that, if that had indeed been West's holding, he was equally likely to have won the first trick with

king or queen. At this point, a diversion second trick in the suit.

into an unexpected problem. occurred. South's opponents With no opposition, bidding both drew attention to their convention cards where, under

the heading of defensive sig-

that with KQ doubleton, they

always played the king first!

So, if West had won the first trump trick with his queen. declarer could have confidently finessed on the second round finesse, losing to the round. But, knowing the odds, he was going to do that anyway. Now South had a new problem: had the Priociple of Restricted Choice lost its impact? You will have guessed the sequel: when he led the next trump from dummy and East played low, he went up with his ace and so lost a

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The big picture **The Crying Game** Sun 10pm C4

A story about the relationship between a former IRA terrorist (Stephen Rea) and a hairdresser who is not all she seems (an extraordinary performance from Jaye Davidson) does not, on the face of it, look like a sure-fire box-office smash. But against all odds that is what The Crying Game, Neil Jordan's imaginative love story, became. Tha director shoots with 8 rare sense of panache, and the plot has more twists than the Monaco Grand Prix. Quite rightly, he picked up the Best Original Screenplay Oscar for it.

Television preview RECOMMENDED VIEWING THIS WEEKEND by Gerard Gilbert



Bookmark Sat 7.10pm /Sun 7.25pm BBC2 Deep Secrets Sat 9.15pm BBC1 Gulliver's Travels Sun 6pm C4 Over Here Sun 8.20pm BBC1 Ruby War Meets... Sun 10.05pm BBC1

guaranteed sales to the very squeamish 20th-century TV networks of America?

It helps that Gulliver's Travels (Sun C4) has already mutated over the centuries into a children's story, thanks to that classic image of the man tied down by the denizens of Lilliput. Add to that a starry cast (Ted Danson as Gulliver, Mary Steeburgen, James and Edward Fox, Sir John Gielgud, Robert Hardy and Peter O Toole, just for starters), and lavish special effects, and you have a production that stands a good chance of recouping its \$13m outlay. It's already been. o big hit in the States. The good news is that.

compromise is minimal, but not the entertainment. The other big drama of the weekend, Over Here (Sun BBC1), presumably also has one eye on the American market, although in this case the result is neither over here nor over there. In fact, it's the most

ow do you turn a savage 18th-century satire (so warrime drama about an RAF spirfire squadron relucferocious it alienated the not-so-squeamish Dr tantly sharing their airbase with a bunch of raw US.

Johnson) into a family entertainment with Air Force recruits. Martin Clunes, as a pipe-smoking. neck-twitching British Group Captain, obviously thought this was an out-and-out sitcom (it isn't), while the whole thing is so ersatz and cliché-ridden it's hard to give a damn whether the planes return from Germany or not. Not their finest hour.

Clichés, clichés, clichés. Thriller writers have to be more aware of them than most, and Hossein Amin's Deep Secrets (Sat BBC1) isn't immune to the better acts of bravery in the French Resistance. And, lest we class of cliche, in fact, you could argue that his entire forget, Beckett the writer. plot (e policeman goes undercover to turn mobster's No names are named (apart from Charlie Sheen) wife into a prosecution witness, falling in love with her in the process) is one whopper of a clické. Amini tells a good story, though a spice of the charlie sheen a good story, though a spice of the charlie sheen and the convicted Hollywood madame — but it does show up a good story, though, assisted by a choice cast - includ. Ruby at her best and worst. At her best, she's a bulling Colin Salmon, and Guy Pierre Mineur as a hit man. to make Pulp Fiction's Samuel L Jackson look like a caring sharing kind of bloke. But the women have the best roles here, and we get the actresses to fill them: to prison and about the sort of reception she's likely awful twaddle from John Sullivan (Only Fools and Am Mitchell (Dolly Rawlins in Widows), the ageingto meet there. But then maybe Wax just isn't doing to meet there. But then maybe Wax just isn't doing thouses), who really should know better - an overblown well Amanda well as the femine futule of the her job if she can't offend some of us some of the time.

piece, and a lively new presence (to me, at least) in Sophie Okonedo.

Bookmark (Sat/Sun BBC2) continues its vintage eason with Sean O'Mordha's two-part biography of Samuel Beckett, reclaiming the great Irish writer from those chilly black-and-white Jane Brown photographs that showed him as part eagle, part ascetic saint. This is Beckett the boy - a good athlete, a loving son - a young man in Paris, London and Dublin; Beckett in love, Beckett winning the croix de guerre for unnamed

dozing celebrity interviewer who pummels her subjects into candour. At worst, she's cruel, gleefully reminding Fleiss several times that's she's about to go



The big race Oxford v Cambridge Sat 3.30pm BBC1

What is it about a race between two university boat crews over a twisting four-and-a-quarter-mile stretch of the Thames that has so captured the public Imagination over the past 142 years? By the rext day, no one can ever remember who won it, but while it is happening the Boat Race between Oxford and Cambridge universities ignites unwonted passions. Those who perhaps struggled with GCSEs suddenly take on a fervent allegiance to one or other of the ancient seats of learning. Tradition is a funny thing.

Saturday television and radio

BBC₁

7.25 News; Weather (1776099). 7.30 Children's BBC: Iznogoud. 7.45 Willy Fog. 8.10 The Raccoons. 8.35 Addams Family. 9.00 Live

and Kicking. 12.12 Weather (6114273). 12.15 Grandstand. Introduced by Steve Rider. 12.20 Football Focus. 1.00 News. 1.05 Canoeing: Britain's Olympic qualifying competition in the cance slalom, held on the River Tay. 1.25 Racing from Haydock: 1.30 BNFL Inside Stories Conditions Stakes. 1.40 Boat Race Preview. 1.55 Racing from Haydock: 2.00 BNFL Medlock Links Handicap Stakes. 2.10 Women's Boat Race: last Sunday's race at Henley. 2.20 Boat Race Toss. 2.25 Racing from Haydock: 2.30 BNFL 25th Anniversary Field Marshal Stakes. 2.40 Boats Launched, 3.30 See The Big Race. The University Boat Race; Live coverage. 4.10 Motorcycling: Action from the first two rounds of the Motor Cycle News British Superbike Championship from Oonington Park. 4.30 Motor Sport: A look ahead to this season's RAC Auto Trader British Touring Car Championship. 4.40 Final Score (S) (47048032).

5.15 News; Weather (1216099), * 5.25 Regional News and Weather (1155273). 5.30 Tom and Jerry (396525). 5,45 Children in Need Reports Back (668254).

.55 Big Break (S) (856322). * 6.25 The New Adventures of Superman. A woman claims she gave birth to Superman's baby (SJ (299490). *

7.15 Confessions. Oh dear - they recommissioned this. Oh well... Coronation Street actor Peter Baldwin pays a visit to the 5imon Mayo-led entertainment show (S) (305070). *

 7.50 The National Lottery Live. Former Madness front man 5uges gets the balls spinning (S) (109167).
 8.05 Bugs. Return of the agreeably jaunty hi-tech crimefighters drama staming Craig McLachlan, Jaye Griffiths and Jesse Birdsall (S) (194612). *

8.S5 News and Sport, Weather (Followed by National Lottery Update) (958780). 9.15 Deep Secrets. See Preview (S) (9323693). * 10.40 Match of the Day. Newcastle United v Queens Park Rangers is the main event (5) (2288099). r Think it's All Over Cornedy sports quiz from last Tuesday. Kriss Akabusi and John Gordon

Sinclair were the guests (R) (S) (631934). 12.15 The Road to Golgotha (S) (5416533). 12.30 The Rude Awakening (Aaron Russo/David Greenwalt 1989 US). Eric Roberts and Cheech (Cheech and Chong) Marin play two hippies who have been living in a South American commune since the 1960s. Returning to yuppified Eighties New York, they get an inevitable and not very well developed cornedic shock (538939).

2.05 Weather (5980007). 7o 2.10am. REGIONS. Wales: 11.45pm Squash. 12.15 They Think It's All Over. 12.45 The Road to Golgotha. 1.00 Film: Rude Awakening. 2.35 Weather.

BBC 2

7.35 Christopher Strong (Dorothy Arzner 1933 US). Aviatrix Katherine Hepbum – In an early role alternating riding breeches and silver lame - falls in love with married politician Colin Clive (3542457). Four Norman Wisdoms for the price of one, as our

hero crops up in a quartet of guises (11160821). 10.30 GISST The Early Bird (Robert Asher 1965 UK). Norman Wisdom plays a milkman whose livelihood is under threat from a large conglomerate

(94937728). 12.05 Untold Stories: The Search for Amelia Earhart. Who vanished in July 1937 while attempting the first solo flight around the world by a woman

(1890983). 12.55 They Died with Their Boots On (Recul Walsh 1941 U5) Rousing if not entirely true portrait of General George Custer, from his early days at West Point, through the Civil War and the famous Last Stand at Little Big Hom In 1876, Starring Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland and Arthur Kennedy

Dodge City (Michael Curtiz 1939 US). Emcl Flynn again, taming the West and Olivia de Havilland in the film which was apparently the main Inspiration for Mel Brooks' Blazing Saddles (63532815).

Argentinian Grand Prix. Live coverage of the qualifying session for tomorrow's Argentinian Grand Prix in Buenos Aires (S) (9762235). TOTP2 Easter Special (S) (833032).

What the Papers Say. New series. Jay Rayner of the Mail on Sunday looks back at the events of the week as reported in the press (S) (821457).

News and Sport; Weather (819612), *

Bookmark, See Preview (S) (403051), * Les Miserables in Concert. An ensemble of over

200 singers gather at the Royal Albert Hall to celebrate the 10th birthday of this long-running musical (R) (S) (28158438). 10.35 Court TV. Money and broken relationships as a married couple fights over the ownership of the

multi-million dollar company which they ran jointly (925506). * MI ORD I down I bived a Lynch's most mainstream movie to date, vividly evoking Victorian London and creating a moving story about John Merrick, who was born with a disfiguring disease, abandoned by his parents and exhibited as a freak until taken in by a compassionate London surgeon. John Hurt, Anthony Hopkins, Anne Bancroft, John Gielgud, Wendy Hiller and (memorably) Freddie Jones (Followed by Weatherview) (28045344). *
Later with Jools Holland. Paul Weller performs

with help from vocalists Carleen Anderson and Jhelisa, Plus, Supergrass, Scott Walker, Senegalese singer Baaba Maal, the Vulgar Boatmen and Joan Armatrading (S) (1947649). To 2.30am.

ITV/London

6.00 GMTV 6.00 News; Weather. 6.10 Eat Your Words: children's quiz. 6.40 Barney and Friends; double episode. 7.45 Disney's Wild Easter. 8.55 Mighty

Morphin Power Rangers (4959524).

Releganticmegavision. Behind the scene on the new TV version of Gulliver's Travets. Plus Cobra

and Falcon from Gladiators (S) (8940322).

10.25 Spatz (R) (6189612).

10.55 H's Not Just Saturday With Grange Hill star Martino Lazzariand music from Longpigs and the Gin Blossoms (S) (9387761). 11.30 The Chart Show (R) (S) (59326).

12.30 Speakeasy. TV problem page for young peopla. Catherine Zeta-Jones talks about her temper tantrums (R) (S) (59877). 1.00 News, Weather (16866032). *

1.05 Local News, Weather (16898631). * 1.10 Movies, Games and Videos (5240148). 1.45 Carbon Time (51682186). 1.50 The Making of Broken Arrow. Behind-the-scenes

plug for the new John Travolta/Christian States movie (4183457). The Magnificent Seven (John Sturges 1960 U5). Kurosawa's The Seven Samurai transposed to Wild West Mexico, and catching some good names early on in their careers, including Steve McQueen,

Charles Bronson, Robert Vaughn and James Cobum (91031709). 4.45 News: Sport; Weather (8620506). *
5.05 London Tonight and Sport (8457902). *
5.25 Batman. That Penguin again (8444438).
5.45 Catchphrase (S) (748728). *

6.1S Barrymore (S) (790341). *

7.15 The Shane Richie Experience (Including Lottery Result) (S) (415896). * 8.05 Stars in Their Eyes. People Impersonate Van Morrison, Gene Pitney and Dinah Washington. The real Matthew Kelly, one assumes, is the host (S) (105728). *

News; National Lottery Update; Weather (Followed by Local Weather) (960525). *
The Governor Janet McTeer's prison governor is reinstated in the Lynda La Plante drama series (S)

10.05 Pretty Woman (Garry Marshall 1990 US). heart Julia Roberts to escort him while dining the business opposition and ends up falling in love with her in a generally amusing, only occasionally emetic comedy reworking of Pygmalion (S) (30762964).

12.15 Pylama Party With guests Tori Amos and comic Charlie Chuck (S) (388649). Funny Business. With Lee Evans (S) (2241200).

Tropical Heat (R) (S) (7418026). 3.00 El News Review (6972705). 3.50 God's Gift (R) (2224303).

4.40 ITV Sports Classics II (47888007). 5.05 Coach (S) (2130484). 5.30 News (49007). To 6.00am.

Channel 4

6.10 Sesame Street (R) (6690457).

7.05 Little Dracula (R) (6761490).
7.30 Super Mario Brothers (R) (75902).
8.00 Trans World Sport (69525).

9.00 The Morning Line. The day's rags (S) (61896).
10.00 The Greatest. Mary Rand and Ian Botham are given their ranking (R) (S) (15032). *
10.30 NBA 24/7. Basketball (R) (38896).
11.00 Gazetta Football Italia (51322).

12.00 Sign On (S) (29148).

12.30 The Great Maratha (3013780). 12.55 FIRE The Student Prince (Richard Thorpe 1954 US). MGM musical version of Sigmund Romberg's operetta starring Edmund Purdom (whose songs are sung by Mano Lanza) as a Ruritanian prince who falls for barmaid Ann Blyth (96220815).

2.55 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton Park. Derek Thompson introduces the 3,15 Masaka 5takes, the 3.45 Queen's Prize (H'cap), the 4.1S Easter Stakes, and the 4.45 Middlesex H'cap Stakes (S) (89205438). Brookside Omnibus (R) (S) (3837235). *

6.30 News Summary, Weather (342525).
6.35 Mark All Creatures Great and Small (Claude Watham 1974 UK). Screen prequel to the novels of James Herriott, starring 5imon Ward as the young vet, Lisa Harrow and Anthony Hopkins as Siegfried (69875322), * 8,15 TIME Aces High (Jack Gold 1976 UK). RC

Sherriff's World War One play Journey's End transposed from the trenches to the air – and to spectacular effect. Malcolm McDowell is the commander of a Royal Flying Corps squadron in France in 1917 who is being tom apart by the stress of command. Christopher Plummer, Peter Firth, Simon Ward, John Gielgud, Ray Milland, and Richard Johnson support (49423235). *

10.20 Drop the Dead Donkey. From the first series of (R) (S) (604341). * 10.55 Blue Light Zone: The Witch Hunters. From Northern Transvaal, where over 98 per cent of the population still believe in witchcraft. The presence

of related violent crimes is so great that a special Witchcraft Unit has been set up by the South African Police Force (S) (935032). *

episode from the ground-breaking Steven Bochco Boston-based cop show (R) (733612). * 12.25 The Mortuary Man. The work of the Chief Mortuary Officer at Edinburgh's City Mortuary.

shouldn't order that take-away just yet (1886939) 12.55 The Parrot May Have the Answer. The bizarre murder of Jane Gill In which the only eye witness was her pet parrot (R) (S) (5050281).

 White Jazz. Dramatised documentary on American crime writer James Ellroy (R) (S) (8488552). The Late Edwina Black (Maurice Elvey 1951 UK). Victorian whodunnit staming David Farrar and Geraldine Fitzgerald as lovers suspected of

poisoning Farrar's wife (5030571). To 3.45am.

ITV/Regions

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As London except: 12.30pm Movies, Garnes and Videos
(59877). 1.10 Anglis Sport Special (67824815). 2.55
seaQuest: OSV (8649728). 3.50 RoboCop
(9307544.5.20 Bahman (1/431728). 12.15em Live from
the Uhydrome (5638755). 1.10em Pyjarna Party
(6390991). 2.35am Furmy Business (4892804).
3.00em American Gladiators (5354804). 3.45am First:
The Calding Day (610780). 5.016. 2 from Westerla Day (610780). The Golden Disc (6105026), 5.00-5.30am, Wanted Dead or Alive (54026).

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As London except: 12.30pm Movies, Garnes and Videos (5987). 1.10 Sturimasters (371:1544). 2.00 Cartoon Time (73933506). 2.05 Film: Jane and the Lost City (575273). 3.45 Airwolf (265070). 5.20 Saturan (1431728). 12.15cm Film: The Lookalite (926910). 1.50cm Funny Business (2239465). 2.20cm Pyjama Party (5024910). 3.45cm The War of the Worlds (2136194). 4.35-5.30cm Cue the Music (8189842).

CERTRAL
As London except: 12.30pm Heartland (59877). 1.40
The Mursters Today (68577341). 2.05 Daily Duck's Easter Egg-Citement (54968235). 2.30 RoboCop (8631709).
3.20 Ainvolf (7054541). 4.15 The Midas Touch (743273).5.20 Batman (1431728). 4.40am Jobinder (8195007). 5.20-5.30am Aslan Eye (1386026).

As London except: 12.30pm West: The Munsters To-day (59877), Wales: Onstage Backstage (59877), L10 West: House (5240148), Weles: Roadonner (79467709), 1.40 Wales: Cartoon Time (51674167), 1.50 Hell and High Water, the Moking of Cuttimost Island (44852506), 2.15 Movies, Games and Videos (217273), 2.45 Robo-Cop (276186), 3.45 Ainwolf (265070), 5.20 Batman Cop (2/03/38), 3.49 Armin (2/03/07), 3.20 Satinar (1/31/28), 12.15am Live from the Laydrome (5/03/25), 1.10am Pyjama Party (6/39/0591), 2.35am Furmy Busines (1/89/26), 3.00am Armerican (Badistrois (5/35/26), 3.45am Fire: The Golden Disc (6/10/60/26), 5.00-5.30am Wanted Dead or Alive (5/40/26).

MERITIAN As Landan except; 12.30pm Movies, Games and Videos (59877). 1.10 World of Wonder (79467709), 1.40 Warner Carton (94776070). 1.55 Father Dowling Mysteries (5919506), 2.55 Airwolf (8649728), 3.50 RoboCop (9307544), 5.20 Bahrian (1431728), 12.15am Live from the Lilydrome (5638755). 1.10am Pyjama Party (6390991), 2.35art Funny Business (4892804), 3.00am American Gadiaturs (6972705), 3.50am Film: The Golden Oisc (8784769), 5.00-5.30am Freescreen (54026).

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(54026).

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Radio

Radio 1 7.00am Kevin Greening 10.00 Oave Pearce 12.30 Oanny Baker 2.30 Jo Whiley 5.00 John Peel 7.00 Lovegroove Oance Party with Oanny Rampling 9.00 Radio 1 Rap Show 12.00 Essential Mix: Angel Moraes 2.00 Annie Nightingale's Chill Dut Zone 4.00-7.00am Charlie Jordan

Redio 2 (88-90 24K): PAQ 6.00am Mo Outta 8.05 Brian Matthew 10.00 Steve Wright's Saturday Show 1.00 Laughter USA 1.30 The News Huddlines 2.00 Judi Spiers 4.00 Nick Barr aclough 5.00 Nancy Griffith Prents Musical Voices of Friends 6.00 Richle Havens 7.00 Legends of Light Music 7.30 The Greatest Hits from the Musicals 9.30 David Jacobs 10.00 Sheri-dan Morley 12.05 Charles Nove 4.00-7.00am Mo Outta

Radio 3 (90.2-92.4Mb; FM) thony Burton.

9.00 Building a Library. Richard Osborne compares available reeases of Mozart's Symphony No 29 In A, K201. 10.15 Record Release. Busnois: Gaude coelestis domin. Josquin: D virgo prudentissi-ma. Glibbons: A selection of antasias, Tallis: Lamentation

of Jeremiah, 11.15 Reissues, 12.00 Private Passions, Michael Berkeley talks to the distin-guished broadcaster and anthropologist David
Attenborough about his musical choices. See Choice
1.00 News; Vintage Years. Lord

Menuhin, in conversation with Lyndon Jenkins, looks back over his work as chamber mu sic player and conducto. (2/2). 3.00 The Music Machine Megamix. Tommy Pearson ex plores music for woodwind ith Albion Wind, (2/8). 4.00 Edward Gregson. A concert given to mark the 50th birth-

dey of Edward Gregson. Greg-son: Sulte: The Sword and the

Crown: Metamorphoses; Missa nevis pacem. 5.00 Jazz Record Requests. 5.45 Music Matters, Ivan Hewett celebrates Easter with a special edition from Jerusalam 6.30 York Plano Trio. Bridge:

Choice

ley his musical Private Passions (12noon R3); and Robert Elms goes a-roving, asking what makes some parts of the world fashionable and searching for useful tips for the impovershed holidaymaker, in The Travellers' Souk (10.15pm R4).

Dvorak: Piano Trio No 3 in F minor. 7.30 Live from the Met: the Voyage. Philip Glass's space-age celebration of the spirit of discovery and exploration, which was commissioned by the New York Metropolitan Opera for the 500th of Columbus's voyage to the New World. Prologue; Act 1. (8.25-8.55 The State of the Art. Joanne Watson talks to directors of opera compan from across America about the current state of opera in the US.) Act 2. (9.35-10.05 The Met Opera Quiz. Edward

Oownes tests the operatic wits of Stuart Hamilton, Speight Jenkins and Susan Webb.) Act 3; Epilogua, 10.55 Studio 3: Alone at Last. A man stumbles into a radio stu-dio and confesses to the listen-er that he has committed a crime. Written and performed by Nigel Charnock, 11.25-1.00am London Commu-nity Gospel Choir. Introduced by Alyn Shipton.

Radio 4 (924-94 SMHz FM; 1986Hz 1W) 6.00am News Briefing (92.44 GMb; Ri; 1938k; 1W) 6.00am News Briefing, 6.10 Farming Today, 6.50 Prayer for the Day, 6.55 Weather. 7.00 Today, 8.58 Weather. 9.00 News. 9.05 Sept. 62.4 9.05 Sport on 4, 9.30 Breakaway

9.30 Breakaway. 10.00 News; Loose Ends. 11.00 News; Week in Westmin-11.30 Asia File. A Malayslar journalist speaks out against the Bakun Dam, the biggest the Barun Dam, the biggest hydro-electric power project in South East Asia. (3/6).

12.00 Paul Allen Reports from the Tap End. With singer Della Jones, writer Frances Fyfield and designer Stephen Bayley.

David Attenborough (left) stays put for once, sharing with Michael Berke-

12.25 The News Quiz. A sattrical

1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby's guests in New Mil-ton, Hampshire, are Tony Banks MP; Foreign Office min-ister Sir Nicholas Bonsor MP; Emma Nicholson, Liberal Oe-mocrat MP; and Sue 5lipman, director of the London TEC

Council.

1.55 Shipping Foreast.
2.00 News; Any Answers?
2.30 Saturday Playhouse: Moths.
A tale of romance and high society in 19th-century Europe, based on the novel by Ouida. 4.00 News; Working History. 4.30 Science Now. 5.00 File on 4. 5.40 Letters from Round About.

5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 Six O'Clock News. 6.25 Mammon. Satirical cornedy. Written by Barry Atkins, Will Buckley, Nick Hildred and

ries of gruesome m 9.20 Music in Mind. 9.50 Ten to Ten. 9.59 Weather.

trawl through the headlines as Barry Took quizzes Alan Coren, Francis Wheen, Steve Punt and Nick Clarke. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 News.

The Moors, (3/4).

David Spicer. (1/3).

6.50 Utopia and Other Destinations. Michael D'Donnell talks to Jonathon Porritt. (3/6).

7.20 Kaleidoscope Feature. 7.20 Kaledoscope Feature.
7.50 Sahurday Night Theatre: A Pocket Full of Rye. An Agatha Christie mystery in which a children's nursery rhyme appears to hold the clues to a Se-

10.15 The Travellers' Souk, See Choice
10.45 The Champions. (1/6).
11.00 Comparing Notes with Brian Kay.

11.30 Dead Man's Ransom, by
Ellis Peters, Hostage, Cavil war
is raging beyond the walls of the Benedictine abbey in 1141. Only something truly ex-traordinary could draw Cadfael onto the battlefleld. (1/5).

12.00 News.
12.30 The Late Story: Slow Release by David Self.
12.48 Shipping Forecast.
1.00 As World Service.
5.50 Bells on Sunday.
5.55-6.00am (FM) The Radio 4UK Theme. 5.55-6.00am (LW) Shipping Forecast.

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Virgin Radio 11215, 1197-1260 Mtz 997 105,830tc FMD 6.00am Janey Les Grace 8.00 Russ & Jono's Greatest Hits 10.00 Richard Skinner 2.00 Mark Forrest (including Virgin Crunchia Album Chart) 6.00 Mitch Johnson 10.00 Robin Banks 2.00-6.00am Howard

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Story 5.45-6.00am On the Move

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7.00am Undun (790326). 10.00 Ghoul-lashed (19273). 12.00 World Wrestling Federation Mania (89032). 1.00 The Hit Mix (98780). 2.00 The Adventures of Brisco County Junior (76167). 3.00 One West Walldki (751874). 4.00 King Fu, The Legend Continues (14254), 5.00 Mysterious Island (2506). 6.00 World Wrestling Federation Superstars (18544), 7.00 Silders (5981S), 8.00 Unsolved Mys-(10438). 9.30 Cops II (80761). 10.00 Dream On (73983). 10.30 Revelations (82631). 11.00 The Movie Show (15983), 11.30 Foreve Knight (95051), 12.30 WKRP in Cincinnati (48858). 1.00 Saturday Night Live (22026). 2.00-6.00am Hit Mix Long Play (3501020).

SEY MOVIES 6.10am The Girl Most Likely (1957) (198645544). 8.00 The Big Sky (1952) (67419). 10.00 Hot Shotel Part Deux (1993) (3541). 12.00 The Poseidon Adventure (1972) (7307D), 2.00 Skr Peck (1982) (846273). 3.45 The Sandlot (1993) (155693). 5.30 Live and Let Die (1973) (951983). 8.00 Hot Shots! (1973) (951983). 8.00 Hot Shots! Part Deux (1993). Comedy sequel staring Charlie Sheen and Lloyd Bridges. Young commando Topper Harley is sent to rescue hostages held in the Middle East. (31419). 10.00 Fathers and Sons (1992). Oranne staring Jeff Goldblum and Rory Cochrane. Film director Max must fana up in his trivibling mobbem when Cochrane. Film director Max must face up to his drinking problem when his wife suddenly dies. As he contemplates his once-reckless life, he realises he hardly knows his teerage son, who is developing a drug addiction of his own (966099). 11.40 Strike a Pose (1993). Thrifler starting Robert Eastwick and Michelle Lamotte. A Los Angeles police detective and a top lashion photographer find themselves pursued by a deadly killer (465964). 1.10 Hard Evidence (1994) (2432842). 2.40 The Pavor (1994) (516823). 4.15-6.00sm The Sandlet (1993) (182262).

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to bring him to justice (50544). 8.00 Demolition Man. Action thriller starring Sylvester Stallene, Wesley Snipes and Sandra Bullock, Cryogenically trazen cop John Spartan is defrosted in the year 2032 only to defrosted in the year 2032 only to discover that his nemesis – psychopathic criminal Simon Phoenix – is still at large (1993) (22761). 10.00 Speed (1994). Action thriller starning Kasmu Reeves and Sandra Bullock. LAPO cop Jack Traven manages to foil a deadly plot by psychopath Howard Payne (Dennis Hopper). But now Payne has a score to settle, and Jack Payne has a score to settle, and Jack soon receives a call informing him that a bus in the city has been nigged to explode if its speed drops below miles per hour (4140S1). 11.50 Deep Red (1994). Thriller starring Michael Blehn and Joanna Pacula.

Bodyguard Joe Keyes is hired to track down a missing scientist (599761). 1.25 Speed (1994) (362484). 3.15-6.00am Salt on Our Skin (1992) (41318026). SKY MOVIES BOLD 4.00pm Demetrius and the Gladia tors (1954) (2780), 6.00 Adam's Rib (1949). Cornedy starting Katharina Hepbum and Spencer Tra cy. Two married lawyers oppose each other over a crime of passion (34544), 8.00 Doctor Detroit (34544). 8.00 Doctor Detroit (1983). Comedy starting Dan Ayloryd and Donna Dixon. A well-meaning college professor finds himself unintentionally entangled with a group of hookers and the local mefia (72231). 10.00 F/K – Murder by Illusion (1986). Thriller starting Bryan Brown and Brian Dennahy. Rollie Tyler, a special effects wizard, is hired by a Government Witness Relocation organisation to stage a lake assassination of a Mafia informer. However, things aren't quite what they seem (338167). 11.55 Death Wish 2 (1982). Action thriller starting Charles (338/67), 11.55 Death Wish 2 (1982). Action thriller starting Charles Bronson and Jill Ireland, Urban vigilante Paul Kersey takes to the streets of LA when his daughter is raped and mundered by a brutal street gang (273/86), 1.35 The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) (943668), 3.15-4.35am The Devil is a Woman (1935) (744/2823)

(1935) (7442823). UK BOLD 7.00am Give Us A Clue (1293506).
7.30 Going for Gold (9383902).
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(9290419). 6.50 It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (6803047), 7.25 The Up-chat Connection (2840544), 7.55 Bread (7490631). 8.30 Colditz (45610902). 9.35 Tenko (65542542). 10.40 Danger UXB (45671070). 11.45 Film: Alligator (9S80099). 1.35 Public Eye (3789281). 2.30-4.00am Shopping at Night (1780051).

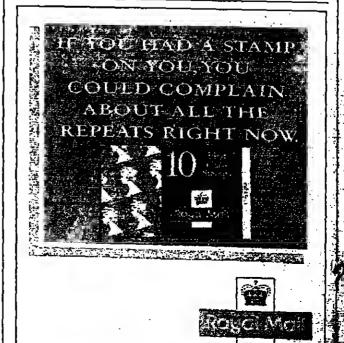
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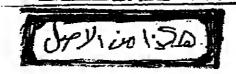
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boat World (5942877). 6.00 Davis Cup Tennis (4824032). 9.00 US PGA Golf (8916186). 12.00 World Sport Special (2841620), 12.30-1.00am World of Speed and Beauty (79S3129).

LIVE TV 6.30am Home Shopping, 7.00 Fate and Fortune, 7.30 The Why Files? 8.00 425, 9.00 Mind and Body. 9.30 Weigh to Go. 10.00 The Fashion Show. 10.30 Spanish Archer, 11.00 Showblz, 12.00 Canary Wharf Omnibus, 1,30 The Fashion Show. 2.00 War. 3.00 Sport. 5.00 Weigh to Go. 5.30 The Fashion Show. 6.00 Video Box.

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Russians turn draft-dodging into a fine art

HELEN WOMACK

Back in Soviet times, Boris P was a master of evading military service. He never slit his wrists or feigned mental illness like his friends. His trick was beautiful

in its simplicity.
"When the call-up papers
arrived, I would leave town for a while," he said. "Eventually I would return and go to the recruiting office, because not to do so was illegal. But I always made sure I was a bit late. This gave time for the eager idiots to get in before me. The officers would fill up their quota and tell me to come back next season. I played this game for nine years until I got too old for the army."

It is a game the youths of Russia can no longer play, for

eager idiots. With the war still raging in Chechnya, despite President Boris 'Yeltsin's peace initiative, few families want Motherland.

The army is desperate for conscripts and has tightened the criteria over exemption from military service. The new policy goes against the goal Mr Yeltsin once had of moving towards a professional army and it defies the Council of Europe, which expects its members, now including Russia, to offer con-scientious objectors alternative the youth if he has a child unforms of service to society.

Thousands of middle-ranking

officers are deeply unhappy about the state of the army. It is not crude nationalism many of them want but more democracy. Thanks to one disgruntled colonel, the Independent gained rare access to a recruiting centre. Normally such a visit would be arranged through the Ministry of Defence, but he let me

in to observe the spring draft. "For God's sake don't quote younger generation begins.

e," he kept saying, as he quesme," he kept saying, as he ques-tioned the point of Russia start-ing the war in Chechnya and complained about the lack of reform in the forces. "I'll be in trouble if you name me," he said again, as he lamented the shortage of funds to pay and house officers and admitted the military could not give cast-iron guarantees that conscripts would not die of starvation or bullying in their two years of service. (Such cases are periodically reported in the Russian press).

So I will call him Colonel Y and say only that the red-brick recruiting centre was situated in southern Moscow.

Down both sides of a long, gloomy corridor on the ground floor, young men were waiting for medical examinations, some sitting with their legs defiantly flung out, others with their heads in their hands in a state of despondency. A few cringed with embarrassment because their mothers had insisted on accompanying them.

"My Andrei's in there," wailed a woman called Gallina, pointing at a doctor's door. It's outrageous. He fell and hit his head. He's got a letter from the hospital but the army still drags him down here. He'll be a bag of nerves after this."

Other youths looked on pity-ingly. "Of course I don't want to serve. What do you think I am, a patriot?" whispered Dennis, a 19-year-old shop worker with long golden locks. "But I'll accept what comes, however it turns out."

This is how the system works: When a youth reaches 17, his

nation's men. All are either liable for service, unfit for service or have already served and gained particular skills. The list is kept so the country knows what human resources it has in case of war.

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From the age of 18, the young man can expect to be called before a commission of officers, doctors and civilians who decide whether he will serve. Call-up papers go ont every spring and autumn. The commission will exempt

der three years old or dependent elderly relatives. His service can be put off if he is in higher education. But if he does not take officer training at university and get into the reserve, he must still serve after he graduates and is liable up to the age of 27.

Young men may be exempted on medical grounds. This is where the contest of wits between the authorities and the

making yourself medically un-fit," says Boris P. "I know lads who have drunk cleaning fluid to give themselves stomach ulcers. The most popular way is to hribe a psychiatrist to certify you as mentally unstable. But that brings problems. If you get a white ticket [of exemption] on those grounds, you can't get a driving licence afterwards.

The army, faced with a 20per-cent shortfall in the ranks, is cracking down on tricks. Doctors' decisions must be confirmed by other doctors. The range of genuine ailments taken into consideration has been drastically narrowed. Hemia and "dropsy of the testicles" are no longer sufficient.

Apart from Chechnya, young men fear being posted to the Far East. Komsomolskaya Pravda this week reported the death of Mikhail Kubarsky who died from hunger while serving in Khaberovsk. Also unpopular is a posting to the Stroibat, the battalion which builds roads. The television programme Vremechko, arguing that service amounts to slave labour, recently interviewed conscripts who worked as male prostitutes on the streets of Moscow to make money for cigarettes.

Colonel Y wants to see a professional army and would like the state Duma to pass a law on alternative service.

Next month, many of the youths in the corridor will be heading off in lorries. Whether they go to the Stroibat, the Far East or Chechnya, the army promises to make men of them.

Chechen rebels inflict setback on Moscow

Moscow — Russian forces were yesterday reported to have suffered heavy losses in a new battle in Chechnya, which high-lighted the difficulty of ending the war before June's presi-dential election as Boris Yeltsin had hoped to do, writes Helen

Military sources said 30 federal soldiers were killed and 67 wounded in fierce overnight fighting with Muslim separatists in the village of Goiskoye, 20 miles south of the capital Grozny. It was one of the heaviest death-tolls in a single battle this year.

Chechen guerrillas had shot down a Russian SU-25 fighter bomber over Goiskoye on Thursday, Tass news agency said, using a US-made handheld ground-to-air Stinger missile. The pilot ejected and survived.

Russian troops attacked the separatists and believed they had cleared the village by Thursday evening. But the rebels opened fire again in the night and a Russian unit was forced to make a humiliating and costly withdrawal.

Fighting was also reported yesterday around the southeastern mountain town of Vedeno, a rebel stronghold. And the Russians were said to be again bombing the south-westem village of Shazhali, despite the local prosecutor's inquiry into why the settlement was attacked earlier this week after elders signed a peace agreement

with federal forces. All this is disappointing news for President Yeltsin who last Sunday staked his political fu-

ture on a peace plan announced on national television. The Kremlin leader, however, pressed on with a meet-the-people tour in the south Russian city of Belgorod, a stronghold of his communist opponents. Back in Moscow, another of Mr Yelt-sin's rivals, the extreme nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky officially registered himself for the election on 16 June.

The latest opinion poll showed the communist leader, Gennady Zyuganov, still in the lead with a predicted 21 per cent of the vote although Mr Yeltsin was closing on him with 19 per cent. Another poll showed that for 62 per cent of Russian voters, ending the war in Chech-

nya was the top priority.
With this in mind, Mr Yeltsin on Sunday announced a unilateral halt to military operations and promised a partial troop withdrawal. He also appointed Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin as head of a new state commission charged with settling the conflict and offered to open talks with the Chechen separatist leader, General Dzhokhar Dudayev, through mediators.

Yesterday Mr Chernomyrdin was preparing to hold the first meeting of his commission.

There was no word from General Dudayev, whose fighters have ponred scorn on Moscow's plan. But the head of Mr Yeltsin's working group on Chechnya, Emil Pain, was quoted in the Russian press yesterday as saying not all in General Dudayev's circle insisted on full independence and some might be ready to bargain.



Dario Bellezza

obituaries/gazette

Peter Baer

Peter Baer was an artist foremost: then a master printer who enabled other artists to make their best original lithographs; and latterly a teacher of all aspects of printmaking who inspired his students.

His background was from the intellectual German refugee influx in the late 1930s which has so enriched our culture. The Baer family arrived in London from Berlin in 1936, when Peter was 12 years old, and Hermann Baer soon established his well-known antique dealer's shop at 6 Davies Street, Mayfair. I remember it well as a schoolchild for its amazing collection of wrought iron, holy relics, a large bear (the mascot). medieval wooden caskets and a large wooden carving of Christ on the ass in the window. Though the family was Jewish it was a cosmopolitan European culture which gave Hermann Bacr his high reputation as a dealer. Before that the family business had been a successful emporium in Berlin selling reproduction furniture.

As happened with so many émigrés at the outbreak of the Second World War, the Baers were interned for six months and Peter's naturalisation was postponed until 1948. By that time he was a student at the Central School of Arts and Crafts and was supporting himself by various means, the most singular heing as a gas lamplighter in the Lisson Grove area where some side streets were still gas-lit. He became an excellent professional draughtsman and photographer as well as devoting himself to listening to Miles Davis records,

In the Sixties he frequently visited Birgit Skiolds's Print Workshop in Charlotte Street, where he made etchings. She ininduced Baer to Stanley Jones in 1959 when he and Timothy Simon founded the Curwen

Studio at the Curwen Press in Plaistow, east London Jones re- and water, and has its own semembers: "During the crucial formative years of the Curwen Studio, he helped with its dayto-day running in a caring and competent way. He was very sympathetic in interpreting the work of fellow artists." He worked with a wide variety of artists such as Henry Moore. John Piper and Barbara Hep-

worth, as well as the less famous. In the beginning all the editions were hand-printed from stone and zinc plate. Later the studio moved to Midford Place.



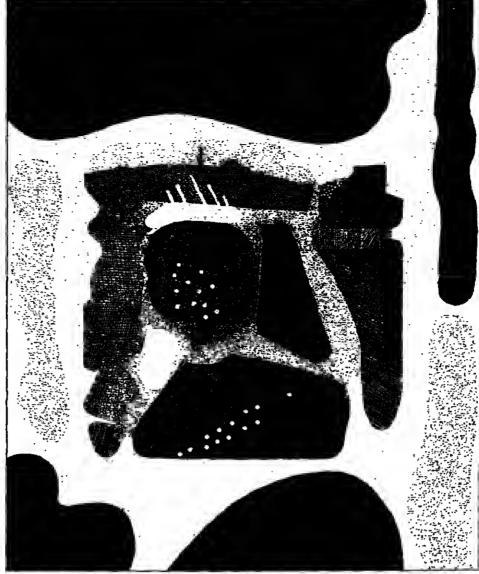
off Tottenham Court Road, where most of the editioning was done on a 1923 flat-bed lithographic press and Baer's role was happily confined to the most interesting part, that is working with artists and repeatedly proofing the image to realise the artist's intentions. Artists came from all over the world. Some were commissioned by Curwen Prints, some by international print publishers, and some were self-publishers or on fellowships. Many had no previous experience of lithography and needed initiation into what was called chemical printing when it was invented by Alois Senefelder 200 years ago. The technique re-

lies on the antipathy of grease crets and tricks: Baer was a master of this difficult medium.

In 1970 Baer started teaching printmaking at Hammersmith School of Art, which was later absorbed into Chelsea College of Art and Design, where he continued to teach until his retirement in 1989. He taught Mark Balakjian who is in his turn now passing on his knowledge to students as well as being a director of Studio Prints, the well-known intaglio editioning studio in London. Balakjian remembers: "He taught without a harrier between himself and the students, taking part in their development as an equal without asserting his own views, always actively participating in resolving their technical problems, always ready to help whenever help was needed and whoever by. For him all students were equal and it was not surprising that often he was affectionately thought of as a friend. Peter's technical knowledge, ideas and enthusiasm were all-inspiring."
In the Fifties Bacr showed in

the Beaux Arts Gallery in Mayfair, when he was associated with the "Kitchen Sink School" of artists who adopted a realistic style of depicting everyday domestic life. Other artists were John Brathy and Derrick Greaves. Baer's later work, however, changed to something more abstract and colourful. He showed in the Amalgam Gallery in 1986, Agi Katz's Boundary Gallery in 1988, and is represented in the Ben Uri Gallery Collection. After retirement he taught at the Camden Institute and was able to give more time to his own work.

In his painting, he was a colourist verging on expressionism. The recent exhibition of Emil Nolde at the Whitechapel Art Gallery, in



Baer: his later prints were abstract and colourful, like Summer Madness, 1980 (etching and silks:

and again. Beer had been reassessing his own north German roots and coming to terms with his own once-rejected Jewishness, and was on the brink of another hurst of creativity.

His most productive printsecond marriage to Iris Collins embossing, describing the curve in 1968. Near his home in north of a road, a cloud or an allot-

east London, drew him again London, he absorbed and transformed the urban landscape into a series of inventive etchings, lithographs and mixed media prints which are, I think, his best work. He used texture derived from metal pressings, wire and other found detritus making was done soon after his together with fluid shapes and

ment, which encapsulate so many residential settlements. A memorial exhibition will be held at the Ben Uri Gallery. Rosemary Simmon

Peter Baer, printmaker: born Berlin 28 March 1924; married

secondly 1968 Iris Collins (one son); died London 22 March

Count Eigil Knuth



Knuth: a lifelong love affair with Greenland Photograph: Erik Peters

Because of its centuries under Denmark (from 1721 to 1979 it was a colony), Greenland has always engrossed Danish polar explorers. Eigil Knuth was a distinguished member of their company. He was the last Arctic explorer in the classic mould. Count Eigil Knuth was born

in Klampenborg, near Copen-hagen, in 1903. Having completed his schooling, he first studied building technology at the Academy of Arts in Copenhagen but, possessing artistic talent, then learnt woodcarving in Val Gardena in Italy between 1926 and 1928. Meanwhile, in 1927, he published his first book. Kunst og Liv ("Art and Life"), in which he set out his philosophy. He revealed an affinity with the Danish philosopher Kierkegaard, and hence appeared as an early Existentialist. More to the point, he saw art as a flight back to Nature. Knuth first went to Green-

land in 1932, on an archaeological dig run by the Danish National Museum to excavate old Norse sites on the west coast of Greenland. To the Danes, the medieval Norse colonisation of Greenland, from the 11th century until its mysterious disappearance in the 15th century, has meant a peculiarly close historical link with their Arctic dependency; in any case, Knuth had begun a lifelong love affair with Greenland.

He was following in the foot-

Nansen, the Norwegian polar explorer who, in 1888, made the first crossing of the Greenland ice-cap, and opened modern polar exploration. In fact, Knuth's maternal grandfather, Augustin Gamel, a Danish businessman,

financed Nansen's expedition. In 1935, Knuth joined Augustine Courtauld's climbing archaeologist. Together with another Danish archaeologist, Knuth discovered and excavated an old Eskimo site in Irminger Fjord, and that gave him the direction of his life's work. Thenceforth, Eskimo life and culture preoccupied his thoughts.

During the summer of 1936. Knuth crossed the Greenland ice-cap west to east with the French Trans-Greenland Expedition under Paul-Emile Victor. Starting at Christianshaah, and ending at the Eskimo settlement of Angmagsalik, it was a trying journey of over 800km. hut only a means to an end. It was the quickest way of reaching the destination.

Anthropology was the expedition's aim. Knuth set up a studio in Angmagsalik and there, in the ensuing winter, produced a series of husts of the local Eskimos. This was his main artistic production. Sensitive, lively, free of cloying romanticism, they captured the nature of the east Greenland Eskimos. Thereafter, Knuth devoted

steps of his hero, Fridtjof himself to archaeology, constantly returning to Greenland. During the Second World War, he was trapped in Denmark by the German occupation. This interrupted his great work. In 1938. Knuth had begun

leading a series of archaeological expeditions to north-east Greenland. He resumed in 1947, continuing on and off unexpedition to east Greenland as til 1973. The upshot was the discovery of two hitherto unknown prehistorie Eskimo cultures in the uninhabited environs of Independence Fjord and Danmarks Fjord. Dated to the last two millennia BC, they provided a key to the archaeology of Greenland, confirming that the country was pnpulated by migration from North America.

Knuth made one foray outside Greenland, to Thailand, in 1961. He joined a Thai-Danish expedition to investigate the country's almost unknown prehistory. Otherwise, he remained devoted to the Arctic. He was an early exponent of the kind of archaeology that is fused with anthropology in order to use the present to offer clues to the past.

Lively and idiosyncratic, Knuth was an unfashionality invincible admirer of Robert E. Peary, the American explorer, vignrously rejecting all the doubts over whether he really did attain the North Pole in 1909. This caused some disagreement with the Danish Ge-

he was a lifelong member. Knuth was a link between the

last generation of polar ex-plorers who probed the last blank spaces on the globe, and the modern travellers left to invent new challenges and fill in the gaps. He saw the exploration and surveying of Greenland completed. He was an inspiration for the younger generation of Danish explorers in Greenland. He published 12 books and

various articles on aesthetics, archaeology and polar history. His feelings for Greenland were revealed in Aron of Kangek (1968), a book about the medieval Norse colonists and their enemies, the Skraelings, the ancestors of the modern Eskimos. Of Aron, a native Greenland Eskimo artist and writer of the last century who recorded his own story of Norsemen in Greenland, Knuth wrote:

Greenland publishes her counterpart to the sagns...concerning events to the sagns...concerning events during the Norse era – a living proof that the Skraelings remain the final victors in the struggle with the Norse-

Knuth ended one of his books: "The riddle of the Sphinx has been solved!" Like many explorers, however, he remained a little Sphinx-like himself.

Reland Huntford

Eigil Kruth, archaeologist, sculptor and writer: born Klampenborg, Denmark 8 August 1903; died Copenhagen 12 March 1996. ographical Society, of which

working-class family, and lived for the entire 51 years of his turbulent existence in the streets of Rome. In his early twenties, he started writing poetry and stories, a first collection of which, Invettive e Licenziosite ("Curses and Caresses"), was published by Garzanti in 1971.

During the last few weeks, the Italian press ran stories about one of their favourite Roman

celebrities, the poet, novelist and playwight Dario Bellezza. He was born into the genial

chaos of post-war Italy, in a poor

He was outspokenly and aggressively homoerotic in his sexual orientation, both in his writing and in his daily life. His work naturally attracted the attention and the admiration, of Pier Paolo Pasolini, who was to be one of the many literary figures supporting him. These included the great poet, also ho-mosexual, Sandro Penna, the novelist Alberto Moravia and his wife Elsa Morante, about whom he wrote a fine love-hate

poem, "Canzoniere per E.M."
His relationship with Penna
was particularly close, and that old poet's poetic style, lucid and natural as breath, influenced his own. Bellezza's first novel, Il Camefice ("The Executioner", 1973) was a revelation to Pa-solini, who detected in it a violent conflict of emotions that resembled his own passionate urge towards condemnation and absolution. The two writers wrote in the forthright poetic prose of the lower classes and held up as heroes the workingclass men and boys so hrilliantly portrayed in the neo-realistic movies of the post-

Pasolini's assassination in 1975 by a teenage tough on a dark stretch of beach at Ostia haunted and obsessed Bellezza for the rest of his life. In 1981, he published his first revolutionary work on his dead friend. Morte di Pasolini, and the second, Turbamento ("Disturbance") in 1984.

In 1981, I was writing a series of documentary poems about the murder of Pasolini for my collection Ecce Homo: My Pasolini, and after reading Morte di Pasolini I wrote to Bellezza, who sent me in a series of letters valuable information about his own experience of this hrutal and controversial homosexual tragedy. In that first book, Beliezza attempts to relive the drama on his own autohiographical terms, invoking both chance and destiny in its elucidation as a "natural" death subconsciously always desired by his friend. He attacked the brutal sensational coverage of the death in the press, with its crude documentary reportages

naked body. These "autobiographical hiographies" were essentially extensions of Bellezza's earlier novels, Lettere da Sodoma (1972) and Angelo (1979). He revealed to me the social significance of Pasolini's death: the fact that for Pasolini the contraceptive pill was liberating

and pitiless photos of Pasolini's

Italian women and allowing them sexual freedom with the working-class men whom ho-mosexuals had until then been able to call their own. Pasolini was no longer young, though his increasing fame as a film-maker and a writer made him an at-tractive target for both political and social enemies and sexual

hangers-on. The past was past, the present un-livable: he could not come to terms with it: death became the only soluwith it death occarre the bins star-tion, ever since the first intimations of old age had begun to torment him. He could no longer find those days of old, in a decade become empty and joyless, and Pasolini was now walk-ing in a desert without mirages.

These books are indeed memorable eulogies for a great

But Beliezza was also well known as a poet, and in 1976 he obtained the prestigious Viareg-gio prize for Morte segreta. Sellezza paraphrased Oscar

Love kills the thing it loves:

you — you do not know who said that you now far away whose memory assassinates me now, makes and sick of everything:

self-slaughter whose will be the first, yours or mine: These moving lines written for someone he had loved and lost, someone whose ignorance and indifference drove him to

despair, come from the 1990

collection, Libro di Poesia. In

1994, he won the Montale prize for poetry.
In the last weeks of his life, he had provoked excited comment in the press and among his still-remaining, ever-dwindling circle of literary friends, by msisting that he be allowed to treat his Aids by testing a hogus healing machine, "to stimulate the lymphocytes",

progress of the disease. After a hard fight, he won the right to test it ... without result. Then his friends tried to obtain a state pension for Bellezza,

wrongly claimed to halt the



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who was living in abject poverty. He made some last appearances on TV chat shows. But it was too late. He did not live on long enough to receive the first instalment of his pension.

James Kirkup

Dario Bellezza, poet, novelist, playwright; born Rome 5 September 1944, died Rome 31

Margaret Read

Your sympathetic ohituary of Margaret Read by Leonie Cohn [21 March] put me in mind of my first day as a young assistant at York Art Gallery in the austerc days of January 1953, writes John Jacob.

I was introduced to the volatile Lady Read (as she had just hecome). "Welcome to York," she said. "You mustn't

think we're provincial, Constantine was crowned here." And then in the same breath. "You must be wondering why Herbert accepted the knighthood [announced that morning]? It would have been like

giving up the sweet ration!"

I have never since felt so much at the centre of the ancient and modern world.

Births, Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

KING: Robert Brendan, aged 57, at Royal Free Hospital, London NW3, on 2 April 1996, after devastating but mercifully brief illness. Adored hus-band of Gillian and lather of Laura, Thomas, Allan and Sandy, Partner in Thomas, Allan and Sandy, Partner in Hilffes, Booth Bennett Solicitors, Funcral at Golders Green Crematorium, on Friday 12 April of 2pm. All friends and colleagues welcome there and afterwards at his home. Family flowers only, but donations in his memory to the Friends of the Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, London NW3 2PN. Enquiries, telephone Leverton & Sons, Funeral Directors, 0171-387 6075.

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Changing of the Guard

TODAY: The Household Cavalry Mount-ed Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, Ham; 1st Battation Welsh Guards mounts the Oucen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.20m. Ouard, in Bustingson Probee, 11-20th, band provided by the Soats Guards. TO-MORROW: The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Ouer's Life Guard at Rorse Guards, tham: F Company Nexts Guards mounts the Ouer's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 130cm, band provided by the Scotts. 11.30am, hand provided by the Scots

Birthdays TODAY: Mr Franta Beisky, sculptor.

75; Sir Paul Beresford MP, 50; Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, associate gen-eral secretary, UNISON, 51; Mr Rory Bremner, impressionist, 35; Mr John Brooke-Little. Clarenceux King of Arms, 69; Mr Ivan Callan, High Commissioner to Brunci, 53: Miss Anne Campbell MP, 56; Miss Joan Carlyle, soprano, 65; Mr Bernard Carter, painter and etcher. 76: Mr Anthony Chubb, former chairman, Foseco, 68; Mr Roger Cook, broadcaster and journalist, 53; Mr Paul Daniels, magician, 58; Admiral Sir Desmond Dreyer, 86: Mr Julian Faber, former chairman, Willis, Faber and Dumas, 79; Mr Willis Hall, writer, 67; Dr David Ingram, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Kem al Canterbury, 69; Sir John Knox, High Court judge, 71; Lord Moore of Wolvercore, former private secretary to the Queen, 75; The Rev Ian Paisley, MP and MEP, 70; Miss Felicity Palmer, mezzo-so-prano, 52: Mr André Previn, composer and conductor, 67; Mr Dudley Sullon, actor. 63; Mr Dilip Vengsarkar, cricketer, 40; Professor James D. Watson, geneticist and Nobel prizewinner, 68; Sir Marcus Worsley Bt. Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, 71.

TOMORROW: Mr Dennis Amis cricketer, 53; Miss Angela Bonallack, golfer, 59; Miss Fredda Brilliant, sculptor, 88: Mr Francis Ford Copscupior, so: Mr Francis Futu Cop-pola, film director and screenwriter, 57: Sir Geoffrey Cox, former chief ex-ecutive, ITN, 80; Mr Luca Cumani, race-horse trainer, 47; Professor Sir Graeme Davies, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Glasgow University, 59; Professor Donald Denman, land economist, 85; Mr Peter Fluck, pup-pel-maker and satirist, 55; Sir David Frost, television presenter, 57; Mr Frederick Garner, former chairman, Pearl Assurance, 76; Mr James Garer, actor, 68; Sir Terence Harrison.

chief executive, Rolls-Royce, 63; Vice Admiral Sir Arthur Hezlet, former submarine commander, 82; Mr Gorden Kaye, actor, 55; Mr Martyn Lewis, broadcaster, 51; Mr Cliff Morgan, former head of Ontside Broadcasting, BBC Television, 66; Mr tan Richardson, actor, 62; Mr Andrew Sachs, actor, 66; Mr Ravi Shankar, sitar player, 76; Group Captain Mary Shaw, former director and matron-in-chief, PMRAFNS, 63: Miss Alison Shrubsole, former principal, Homerton College, 71; Mr David J. Williams, chief constable, Surrey, 55; Sir Geoffrey Wilson, former chairman, the Race Relations Board, 86; Mr Mark Wolfson MP, 62

Anniversaries

TODAY: Births: Jean-Baptiste Rousseau, playwright and poet, 1671; Gustave Moreau, painter, 1826; René Lulique, jewellery designer, 1860: Harry Houdini (Erich Weiss), stage magician and escapist, 1874; Sir John Betjeman, poet, 1906. Deaths: Richard I (Coeur de Lion), King of England, killed in battle 1199; Al-brecht Dürer, artist, 1528; Sir Francis Walsingham, statesman, 1590; tgor Fyodorovich Stravinsky, composer, 1971. On this day: Si Paul's Cathedral was hadly damaged following an earthquake fremor in London, 1580; George Washington was elected as first US president. 1789: the first modern Olympic Games were inaugurated at Athens, 1896: on his seventh attempt, the American Robert Edwin Peary be-came the first man to reach the North Pole, 1909; Sir Anthony Eden became prime minister, 1955. Today is the Feast Day of St Celestine I, pope, St Eutychius of Constantinople, St Marcellinus of Carthage, St Prudentius of Troyes and St William of Eskikoe. TOMORROW: Births: St Francis Xavier, Jesuit missionary, 1506; William Wordsworth, poet, 1770; £408.638 pct.

Daisy (Margaret Mary Julia) Ashford, author, aged 9, of The Young Vis-tiers, 1881; Billie Holiday (Eleanora Fagan), jazz singer, 1915. Deaths: El Greco (Domenikos Theotokopoulos), painter, 1614; Richard (Dick) Turpin, highwayman, hanged 1739; Phineas Taylor Barnum, showman, 1891; Henry Ford, motor manufac-turer, 1947; Theda Bara (Theodosia Goodman), actress, 1955. On this day: in France, the metre was made the official measuring unit of length. 1795; the Canadian Grand Trunk Railway was completed, 1914; the first London production of the musical show *The Desert Song* was staged, 1927; the World Heath Orstaged, 1927; the world freath Or-ganhation was formed as a spe-cialised UN agency, 1948; Dag Hammarskjold of Sweden was elect-ed Secretary-General of the United Nations, 1953, Today is Easter Day and the Feast Day of St Aphrastes, St Celsus or Ceallach of Armagh, St Geometre, St Heavington, St George the Younger. Si Hegesippus, Si Henry Walpole, Si Herman Joseph and Si John Baptist de lo Salle.

Lectures TODAY

Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury, "Cézame: drawings and colour-con-structions", Ipm: Robert Ledibridge, "Zola's Cézame", 3-30pm. British Museum: Barbara Brend, "Mandu: a palace fort in Sulmante India", 1.15pm. TOMORROW Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury. 20th-century Genre Painting.

Arnold Abraham, Lord Goodman, of London W1. solicitor, former Chairman of the Arts Council, and Master of University College, Oxford.

Dying as part of a community of hope The tonal quality of the word "death" de-

rives from our past. When I think about death, I remember the widow who wrote to me that she was dying, but whom I failed to visit before she was gone; I think of my own father-in-law, for whom the consolating in his final extreme enfeehlement was the thought that he would be reunited with his wife; I think of a friend who went through labour knowing that her baby had already died. These are the deaths which inform and colour my understanding of death, and they are in the past. They cluster my memory with a variety of powerful emotions, of regret, of sorrow, of guilt, and even of encouragement.

Holy Saturday prompts a willingness to think long and hard about the death of Jesus, and to change the way in which these past deaths affect me. The same, of course, might be true of the death of Socrates, or any other death to which I might give serious attention. But the sort of difference which it might make to think in this way about Jesus, rather than about anyone clse, is a difference in understanding those connections between myself and others which death has brought

Death is a matter which touches me because of the impact which those past deaths have upon the web of interconnectedness which bound me to them. This web is made up of mutual relations, I both give to, and receive from, other people. My sense of the kind of person t am is bound into their lives, and their death inflicts irretrievable rupture, not just in our relationship, but upon my sense of my own continuity. Death, therefore, is what makes our search for person-constructing, identity sustaining values so serious an

Arguments f**O**FEaster

The Right Rev Stephen Sykes, Bishop of Ely, concludes our series of meditations for Holy Week with a consideration of the meanings that death may have for a Christian.

enterprise. Since all our present rela-tionships are going to suffer the damage that death can inflict, these values must be such as to understand the onslaught of the thought of death. If I show myself ready to allow the story of Jesus' death to in-fluence the way in which I understand death, then in effect I am inviting him to have a hand in these relationships.

To see death as firmly set within the con-text of various forms of interconnectedness sets a question against that tradition which insists that we die alone. Of course it may be true that persons are physically or emotionally isolated when dying. It also trivially true that people die one by one at particular times and places. But it seems a quite unnecessary case of giving death a bad name to insist that my death is something I must do on my own. We do not have to die in toneliness. The whole point of Christians saying that love is stronger than death is that one need not die alone in that sense.

Everything about dying should place us in the familiar context of those who have

surrounded here, if anywhere, by a great cloud of witnesses. This explains the familiar petition in ancient liturgies that we be protected from "sudden death". To die suddenly, of course, meant to die without the benefit of the ministrations of a priest. But it also meant, in extremis, to die without even having been ahle to make a mental act of recollection, the point of which was precisely to locate oneself in the fellowship of those who have lived and died in the faith of Christ.

It is the measure of the distance we have travelled from such simple pieties that we should regard sudden collapse in the midst of daily life as the best of all possihle deaths. To desire such a death for ourselves is a sign of the degree to which we have come to accept an unrealistic unforgetfulness of death.

The Christian need not die alone, hut as a member of a community of hope. That statement does not entail any Promethean denial of the reality of death, or an inauthentic cheerfulness about the prospect of dying. But it makes a large difference to belong to a community of forgiveness, love and endeavour, which knows that nothing ing can separate it from the love of God. Death has lost the sting which chains us irredeemably to the past, in guilt or desperate attempts at forgetfulness.

When we celebrate the feast of that unconquered love tomorrow, we shall do so as a community. We shall remind ourselves of those moments of betrayal and rupture which preceded Jesus' death, and yet of how, within them, he gave up his life for the life of the world. And, because of this, we shall know that all those labours which hulld up our interconnectednessparticipated in the death of Christ. We are in-love will not have been done in vain.

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Anti-roads protesters may have lost a battle at Newbury. But they are well-equipped for a long war. Mary Braid reports

Eco-warriors undefeated

Steady Eddie, 28, a self-employed elec-trician, picks up the phone in the eco-warriors' media centre, an office on a Newbury industrial estate. "Depressed?" he says, raising his voice above the sound of CB radio and mobile phones. "Not a bit, People have just gone off to get their strength back and their heads together. Some went down to Winchester to watch

The last of 30 tree-top settlements - Tot Hill and Castle Camp - was cleared by bailiffs this week on the route for the Newbury bypass and their agile environmental guerrillas evicted or arrested. Despite the best efforts of the tree dwellers, an eightmile scar now slits through forest and across meadow and hills a few miles out-

The hulldozers and the hardbats appear to have won. They seem to have defeated the hard-core eco-warriors, horn at wyford Down in 1992 (the first direct action anti-road campaign) and veterans of the fight against the M11 London link campaign two years later - who have emerged at Newbury as gladiators of the wider envi-

ronmental movement. Now the bypass, which definitely has the support of the majority of residents in the fume-choked, traffic-jammed town, seems almost certain to be completed. The Government is putting construction out to tender. Never has a British road been ahan-

doned at this late stage.
This week the Highways Agency was in a hullish mood. It played down the disruptive effect of the protest, portraying the eco-warriors as nuisances, busy devouring public funds rather than operating as the land's custodians, 10,000 trees had now heen felled, said a spokesman, and the bypass was on schedule. Road protests are apparently now huilt into work schedules.

And the law has weighed in heavily on the side of the builders. More than 700 protesters were arrested under the new Criminal Justice Act. Some were jailed or bailed to keep away from the site. When all else failed, the environmental champions turned to a rare tiny snail -Desmoulin's whorl - to stop the giant dig-gers. They failed to convince the High Court that the bypass should he delayed until the safety of the snail was assured.

But a higger long-term issue faces the anti-roads campaigners this weekend than the loss of one battle at Newbury. There is an important question mark over whether the tactics they adopted are undermining their efforts to win over pub-

For the last three months it has been allout war between the hardhats and the Third Battle of Newbury troops (so-called recause of two previous civil war battles) led by the dreadlocked tree climbers, with names like Blackbird and Galahad, and nelled beneath the bypass route to com-

plement sabotage from the air. As hailiffs and protesters fought it out in the trees, it was surprising that no one actually died. It eventually became a bat-ile to see who could rise the earliest. The protesters got up at 4am to sabotage hulldozer routes: private security guards rose at 2am, in camouflage black, to destroy the

tunnels being hurrowed underground. Leonie Austin, Highways Agency spokeswoman, says protesters' methods were "extremely dangerous" and reels off a litany of offences including planting spiked balls, spiking trees to damage chain-saws and the severing of vehicle hreak cables (these are claims protesters dismiss

as exaggeration or invention).
Intimidation of Highways staff, she says, was widespread. "Most of our engineers had to go ex-directory." Since Twyford Down the protesters have become "cleverer and slicker and they were always violent." In a rural setting the lent." In a rural setting the agency has found guerrilla tactics harder to combat

"There was a long period of democra-tic debate about this road and it's not our money being spent on security but yours," she says, no doubt most keen to reach those taxpayers who have popped pennies in the Newbury protest collection box. The bill for police and private security guards is expected to reach £4m.

And if public finance does not rattle your cage, how about those excrement and urine bombs? They hardly had the impact of a fatal concrete block dropped from a motorway bridge during the miners' strike, but they did create a little distaste for protesters' methods.

But not everyone believes that the tactics of the anti-roads campaign turned off

The Highways Agency is in bullish mood: 10,000 trees have been felled. Road protests are now built in to work schedules

the public, Danny Penman, who is writing a hook about Newbury, believes that the protesters are still winning on public relato the greater media coverage. "They have put the issue of road huilding on the

national agenda."
At Newbury, New Age has joined mid-die-aged, middle class, middle England in a formidable display of opposition to the Government's road-huilding programme. Old biddies in woolly hats have stood side by side with nose-ringed youngsters. Perhaps the strongest sign of confidence in the Newbury protesters and their tactics was Friends of the Earth's decision to become the first mainstream environmental pressure group publicly to lend them support.

Mr Peuman admits that urine did rain and excrement did fall, but rarely; pink paint and sticky mushroom soup were the brigade, skilful manipulators of the media, assumed that body waste would not go down well with the public but, in an essentially anarchist network, it is impossible to control everyone's actions.

Even Paul Everitt, director of the British Road Federation, supporters of the bypass, admits that the protesters have a strong built-in advantage. A man in a suit holding a press conference is never as sexy - to the public or those who provide their news - as the heroes who live in the trees. Hence Newbury bas become the frustrated home news reporters war zone, with



hacks queuing up to report from a tree-house on the front line. "I try to wear a colourful tie," says Mr Everitt, lamely.

He also tries to get the message over that the real "losers" are the people of Newbury. But "no reporter has spent a day with a local trying to drive around Newbury". He parodies: "Here I am sitting in the car with Mr A and we can't get out of the driveway...." And if the superior appeal of lat-

ter-day Tarzans were not enough, he wrestles daily with a hypocritical public, happy to give a donation to save nice trees hut ultimately unwilling to part with their

The protesters have an effect, he concludes, though not as directly as they might think. They do influence public opinion, which affects government decisions, such as the Treasury's £240m cut

to the road-building programme. Compared to that £4m in security costs is a drop in the ocean for a government keen not to lose face when confronted by civil disobedience.

Few on either side really believe that the protesters are about to pack up and retire to that second treehouse in Devon. Furthermore, Danny Penman predicts that Newbury may be the tree dwellers' zenith.

"They are not drop-outs but social revolutionaries with a desire to see widespread social change." After months of tree-top and tent discussions, he says tactics are about to change. This type of protest has reached a cul de sac. The protesters will now move on to a wider hattle against the

Whatever happens the foot soldiers remain loyal. Celia Murphy 27, an NHS supplies huyer from Birmingham, started road campaigning last year. She is now a fundraiser for the Third Battle and a frequent weekend visitor to Newhury. Asthma runs in her family and although she has only mild symptoms, her two sisters suffer chronic attacks. She supports Friends of Earth's proposal to cut traffic by 5 per cent by 2005 - radical when the Government is expecting the number of vehicles to double.

But Newbury is more than an anti-road campaign. The values and philosophies that guide the protest have caught Ms Mur-phy's imagination. Here live larger-thanlife characters struggling to find a new way and creating, through the names of their camps and battles, a new community mythology. Such freedom occasionally

This type of protest has reached a cul-de-sac. The protesters will now move on to a wider battle against the car

hrows up the surreal, like the self-styled King Arthur Pendragon, who headed up the Camelot camp and is firmly convinced, along with his Druid followers, that it is his destiny to save the land from envi-

"What amazed me when I visited was people's understanding of the issues and how highly educated they were," says Ms Murphy, who adds she has seen little or no aggression from protesters, who regularly discuss how to remain "fluffy" in the heat of battle, "I took my uncle down, who is a historian and he thought it was like the early days of Christianity; all these people sitting round and talking and arguing about so many issues.'

She is not surprised that the attempts to stop the route being cut have failed. But neither does she think that the war over. She will continue to visit at weekends with the donations that show no sign of drying

here. They believe there will be environmental disaster. While they are working at hreak-neck speed most people are just getting in their cars and living ordinary lives. I think theirs is a saner reality."

For Steady Eddie and those manning the fort this weekend this is simply a welcome lull in hostilities. At Twyford Down the greatest disruption came after the site was cleared and construction began. They have an 18-mile perimeter fence to patrol now and they will never keep us out," he laughs. "You can help or you can watch

Jo Brand's week

So Pepsi are painting the town blue and very tedious it is too. That animatedish Barbie doll. Claudia Schiffer, is raking in a fair bit, starring in an ad for the new improved Pepsi can. The story goes like this: adolescent boy has fantasy of being a bit of soap in Claudia's shower, Claudia approaches shower, boy's grinning face appears on soap as he prepares to fulfil his fantasy. Huge fat woman takes Claudia's place - hoy screams in horror.

I'm sorry, have I recently missed an important evolutionary event? Can mon-keys actually use typewriters now? Are they employed by Pepsi as writers? And how do you write "Ha! Ha! Ha!" sarcastically? The new Pepsi slogan is "Change the script." Yes, please.

widens, people are being farced to change their eating habits. You see the underclass with no choice but to grub around for the sort of food that the middle classes wouldn't be seen dead eating. Boeuf bourgignon, fillet steak and

boeuf en croûte. Poor buggers. And poor little buggers, too. Children have always been the ones who suffer most through poverty and therefore it's cheering to know that charities like Save The Children are around to offer some sort of respite where basic needs are not met. It seems, though, that without even realising it, we are becoming one of those third-world countries with children living on the poverty line. Obviously children here are nowhere near as deprived as their counterparts in the poerer parts of the world, but given the mount of money floating around in Britain, no kids should be going hungry. This is why several charities are getting together to form a more powerful entity to tackie poverty. Good to see them stepping into the political arena. Perhaps the Church might have a bash

it seems like everyone's hungry. Apparently vampire bats have started attacking peasants in El Salvador. because there's just not enough food elsewhere for them. Normally vampire bats prefer more digestible snacks, so they must be pretty desperate to put people on the menu. Maybe it's time for humans to put vampire bats on the mena. Given BSE and recent revelations that pies have TB, they may be the

As the gap between rich and poor only option left. Remember not to serve with garlic.

> i see Liz Hurley is to play Delilah in a biblical epic for an Italian-French mini series to be shown later in the year. Liz, who now has a quintuple barrelled name; "Liz Girlfriend-Of-Hugh-Grant-Hurley" apparently looks wonderful in the biblical costumes according to one of those abiquitous "spokesmen" who are required to come up with something/anything positive about stars in films. Strangely, he neglected to say anything about her acting ability.
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> Of course, Delilah was the woman

who cut off her geezer Samson's hair, thus destroying his strength, resulting in his capture by the Philistines, but finally leading him to break up the temple col-



umn by crumbling column; Liz may well play this from the heart, not being a stranger to someone whose own column crumbled on inspection by a member of

If you live in London or the South-east, best not become a telephone worker. Our voices, it seems, are not very attractive to the earholes at the other end of the line. Some research carried out recently by a professor of psychology showed that when testing the reaction to various regional accents on the basis of trustworthiness, competence and sociability, Scottish accents scored very high on all counts. There seems to be no mention of how polite people actually are on the phone, and this means quite a lot to me. An operator I once spoke to who had a very nice reassuring voice told me I had a very nice voice too, and asked if he could phone me sometimes. I was gobsmacked and hung up. It was the one time I wished

Advertising watchdogs recently condenined a poster for vodka using a drag artist, because they said it could encourage drinkers to become transvestites. You what? Oh yes, I can really see that happening. A few sips and suddenly you want to throw on the missus's twin set and swan off to your local bar. If we're talking the effect of advertisements on changing you into something you're not. perhaps we need to examine ads for ing on the weight and being depressed.

started in the first place.

some womens' products. For example, are the Wonderbra ads going to turn women into simpering idiots? Are the Peugeot ads going to make women leave their homes and rush over the Atlantic to drive across America? Or will wearing Boots make-up inevitably lead to hordes of out-of-control women lobbing cucumber at men's faces, snogging under tables or throwing plates? I think not. Don't be so silly.



The new male contraceptive is as effective as the pill, we're told. It's been tested on 400 men and it's ready to go. Apparently, it works by lowering the sperm count which, I have to point out, Mother Nature seems to be managing video phones existed - he'd never have fairly well on her own already. I'm not so sure I could be very confident about men and contraception. Some men will say anything to get women in the sack. Can we women be confident they've got nothing in their sac? At present, the male contraceptive is administered in rather uppleasant injection form in the buttock, so that's going to put off men with a low pain threshold. (About 98 per cent of them then.) Still, if it ever comes on to the market, it will make a nice change to see the poor dears pil-

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You must speak up if you want the goalposts shifted

The worms are turning. From the Law Society to the Test and County Cricket Board. insiders are running scared. Out there, at the grass roots, outsiders are hanging on the doors. A vacancy on the selection committee for England's cricket team has called forth nine candidates. among them Ian Botham; there is no precedent for the election that now has to take place. This weekend, solicitors are consulting harristers about the legality of moves to oust the entire council of the Law Society. It turns out legal revolution is a lot easier to engineer than anyone thought. Will Carling's immortal phrase rings in the air. The old farts are again under assault. Deference is on the run.

Well, at least there are welcome signs of renewal in urganisations which could do with a spring clean. We should not get carried away. Revolts against the Establishment are not new. Each generation of youth struts its stuff and age quaits. We have heard about the end of deference before. One of the attractive features of Thatcherism was its impatience with old guards and status quos. Then Lady T turned out to be highly

The country's higgest symbol of deference to the wisdom of the ages (and the acres), the House of Lords, remains entirely unreformed. The Barings crisis showed that even in the City of London, supposedly subject to all sorts of competi-tive cleansing forces, the powers that were remained the powers that be. Deference ends only when those outside the gate start doing something to evict the possessing classes.

It is people's growing consciousness of them-

selves as consumers that has promoted the decline of deference. The Citizen's Charter helped, focusing attention on rights and the performance of institutions in meeting them. In polices, and deference mostly takes the form of across-the-board rejection of politicians. Measures of public esteem place Members of Parliament low, low down. But you can only throw the old farts out if there is a replacement team. A less deferential political culture would surely by now have given birth to more creditable alternatives than the Greens, the Social Democrats and Sir

In the voluntary and professional sectors and sport, deference has certainly taken a knock. In charides, from the National Trust to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, trustees and executives now have to worry about members' reaction and revolt. Often, though, members are only stirred by single issues such as fox hunting, for example. Their enthusiasm fires like a comet, then quickly wanes. Insurgents wanting permanent change must sooner or later take over running of the committee.

Of course, the grass roots are not necessarily progressive. The current president of the Law Society, Martin Mears, was elected last summer as the voice of "country" solicitors against the machine candidates. Mr Mears has been nothing if not controversial but, it seems, has failed to satisfy the country cousins that he is doing enough quickly enough to gouge yet more money out of the public on conveyancing fees. A special general meeting is in prospect that could, after postal ballots of members, lead to the unseating of



Mr Mears and the entire Law Society council. That outcome would not only offer a welcome demonstration of democracy at work. It would make the Law Society more honest and allow us all to see where conflicts of interest (between pub-ic and professionals, say) actually lie. Not all gov-erning committees are stuffy. Age can bring wis-dom; experience can inform decisions for the better. But what does matter is the relacionship between the inners and the outers, consultation and, preferably, regular elections.

Traditionally, sport has been autocratic or, at best, oligarchic British foothall used to be a byword for deference, all those supporters crowded on wet terraces. Fans are now better treated-and pay more for it - hut the operation of most clubs is far from populist. For all the rise of fan culture in recent years, football is still run by cliques whose connections with the unwashed masses of everyday supporters is limited: sup-porters are rarely invited to vote or participate in decision-making.

Sports government seems beset by what we

might call the Fifa factor - the prevalence of selfregarding gerontocracy in the upper reaches of the administration. Old boys go on forever. Will Carling's challenge provoked the fans in rughy, but only briefly. To effect change, fans have to be prepared to vote, vote and vote again.

Underdogs in voluntary organisations and professional groups usually have three options. They are exit, voice and loyalty. Most people are loyal, they defer. They may grumhle – members may say things behind their hands – but loyalty to the regime approach to the regime approach. to the regime ensures nothing changes. Exit is

sive answer was carried out prior to the late 1980s.

Knowledge of the nature of

humans. Species barriers pre-

spongiform encephalopathics

between species are present in

some cases but oot others.

Chimpanzees appear to be sus-

ceptible to CJD but not to

scrapie whereas goats are sus-

ceptible to CID and to scrapie (Cell 40, 735-746). These

results and many similar were

known by the early Eighties. It

seems hard to see how the Government could have ruled

out the possibility of transmis-

Experiments are being car-

ried out in which genetically

engineered mice carrying the

human version of the prion

protein involved in suscepobil-

ity to the disease have been

exposed to BSE (Nature 378,

779-783). These experiments

need to continue for a number

of months before conclusions

can be drawn. The construction

and testing of the mice strains

used was reported in 1994 and

would have been the results of

"it is all very well for visionary

scientists such as Richard

Dawkins to deliver us accounts

of what makes us tick. It would

be more useful if science was

more open to the questions we

need it to answer." Only a

small fraction of research funds

and time are spent doing the

type of research popularised by Professor Dawkins. Most research does consist of exactly

the sort of "grindingly boring"

experiments your article sug-gests need doing. It is worth

asking what the market would have been for a popular book discussing the dry facts uf

spongiform encephalopathies

JUSTIN POWELL

M RIAZ HASAN

Cambridge

prior to the BSE outbreak.

Sir: The response from scientists

and laymen to your leading arti-

cle on BSE and science reminds me of the comment of that

great cynic George Bernard Shaw: "Science is always wrong;

it never solved a problem with-

Your editorial also says that

at least three years of work

sion of BSE to humans.

drastic. Fans stop going to games; members stop paying subscriptions. The organisation folds. Voice is the democratic opour. Fans start speakvoice is the democratic opoun. rans start speaking up. They appoint spokespeople who tweak the greybeards. Sports pages, like ours this week, resound with debate about prices and conditions. Members start calling special meeongs, circulating round-robins and making a useful nuisance. Good so far, but they then have to be prepared to take the committee jobs, and run risk of becoming old farts in their turn.

You can argue the England selection question in different ways. Ian Botham may possess a large character and an admirable track record on the field, but it is anyone's guess whether as a selec-tor he will make, as they say in Yorkshire, a ha porth of difference. Cricketing talent cannot be conjured out of nowhere, however imagina-tive the selectors of the TCCB might be.

Yet the contest for the committee has the merit of exposing cricket governance as a network of gents and amateurs. They may be the game's strength, embodiments of its values and better self. But there is no substitute for an election in exposing the argument. Not that the TCCB elecexposing the argument. Not that the TCCB electorate is a great sample of English cricket – it consists of the mini-establishments in the counties and the MCC. Nonetheless, here the politics of cricket is going to be put on public display. Power is made more visible, contestable. You do not have to be John Stuart Mill – a first-class batsman with a heard to match WG Greec's – to man with a beard to match WG Grace's - to believe that more contested elections must be a useful education in a society that holds representative government dear.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ■

Back to the 18th century with Howard's draconian penal code

Sir: If the Home Secretary believes that stiffer mandatory senlences for repeat offenders will have more than a negligible effect on the levels of serious crime he may he disappointed (report, 4 April). The "Bloody Code" of the 18th century - a haphazard collection of private members' Bills reflecting the conserva-tive and unenlightened views on crime and punishment of the complacent landed gentry and the acquisitive nonveaux riches of the time - failed to reduce the amount of crime and disorder despite sanctioning the death sentence for over

The desperate or disturbed were not discouraged by the noose so a longer prison sentence is unlikely to have such an

tions and were disinclined to convict. fearing the seotence would he disproportionate. However, with the National Lottery, unbridled greed amongst public figures and a widely derided and not fully accountable government, the Britain of the 1990s disturbingly resembles that of the 18th

> MARK TRAYNOR Grantham, Lincolnshire

Sir. Michael Howard ("The key to our protection", 4 April) oow tells us that, uoder his oew proposals, ministers would "have no part to play" in decid-iog whether to release manda-

Can he therefore also tell us why in the past year he has

taxpayers' money arguing before the European Court of Human Rights that it is essential for ministers to keep the decision-making power over mandatory lifers and not leave it to the Parole Board.

NUALA MOLE Director The Aire Centre London SW2

Sir: The Home Secretary's calculation that his draconian sentencing proposals would increase the prison population by 10,000 (rather than the 30,000 predicted by peoal-reformers) is based on three

First, the White Paper estimates that the proposals deter-reot effect "will reduce the gauntlet of even mure savage requirement for prison places criticism?

breathtaking assumption that argues that sentences for flies in the face of experience, offenders outside the manda-All available research evidence indicates that increases in the not be affected to any signifiseverity of sentencing have no discernible deterrent effect on result." Yet history shows that, crime rates.

tual abolition of early release will not affect the prisoo pop-ulation because courts will take full account" of these changes when sentencing. Yet this would require a large reduction in sentence lengths, which is extremely unlikely in the current harsh climate. If judges are oow fiercely attacked as allegedly soft for passing, say, a four-year sentence, are they really likely to cut such a sen-

BSE: science is doing offenders outside the mandaall it can tory sentence categories "will Sir: Your leading article of 30 March suggests that the reason cant extent as an indirect we cannot answer the questioo

severity is desired, this invariwhich involve testing extracts of ably has a spill-over effect into infected brains for foreign sentencing geoerally.

These highly optimistic assumptions have led the Gov-DNA or "mutated" protein were not done ten years ago when they should have been. ernment to plan new prison places for only a third of the Such experiments on scrapie were performed as far back as likely increase. The result will the late 1960s (Nature 214, 764-766) and a large body uf work be to overcrowd already overleading to a relatively conclustretched prisons even further,

structive penal system for decades to come. PAUL CAVADINO Chair Penal Affairs Consortium London SW9

ruining the prospects for a con-

when legislation sends an over-

Second, it claims that the vir- all signal that greater or less

DAVID **AARONOVITCH** Secret whether BSE is infectious to vices humans is that experiments

Virtue - as Mrs Anne was taken. The clerk survived by Turville of Wells in Som- nine votes to seven, and it was erset has found out this week must often he its own reward. This week, an unhappy Mrs Turville, who uncovered the sordid secret of ber boss (the town clerk) and lold the town

council, resigned from her job as clerk's assistant.
It is a simple and sadly typithe agent does not tell us cal tale. One fine morning, whether it is infectious to with the clerk engaged elsewbere, Mrs Turville - a one and forty - was searching for an invoice concerning the town crier's laundry. The top drawer of the clerk's desk suggested itself as a likely place for the invoice to have secreted itself, so she opened it.

Inside was a pornographic magazine entitled Escort - a publication regrettably to he ound on newsagents' shelves the length and hreadth of Britain. You do not have to imagine Mrs Turville's shock, for she has given her own vivid description of it. "I was disgusted by what I found. I don't expect to find that kind of material when I go through his drawers, looking for invoices." Worse was clearly to follow. Somehow Mrs Turville became apprised not only of the nature of the magazine, but also of its contents. It was "filthy, and had disgusting pictures of readers' wives", she said. Although the eireumstances are a hit murky, presumably Mrs Turville's determination to carry out her duties - and to discover the missing invoice - required an examination of the revolting item, page by page. Her mount-

ing distress as she did so can only be guessed at. Mrs Turville (who, from her photographs is not a showy woman, eschewing fashionable diets and expensive make-up) put two and two together. knew he was up to something." she said. "because every time I stopped typing or walked towards his room I heard his drawer slam shut." She couldn't cope: "Knowing that magazine was in there was a mental pressure on me."

It is, f suppose, to the council's credit that they took her complaint seriously. A special meeting was called and a vote

nine votes to seven, and it was suggested be seek counselling

about his sex life. Mrs Turville herself, disillusioned, departed. She should take beart. Her action will have served as a salutary lessoo to the five million or so meo who read dirty magazines. And, whereas the consequences of allowing ber boss's solitary activities to go unchecked cannot be computed, now she has ensured that he has

front of the community, his wife and his two small children. Fortunately a woman of Mrs Turville's character should have little trouble finding a new job. There are still institutions in Britain that require the highest moral standards - Eton College, for example. There the beadmaster (a tougher cookie than the liberals of Wells) is clamping down upon drug-taking. Pupils may be subject to compulsory drug tests and room searches, to be administered by

school matrons. The problem confronting the school is that it is sometimes impossible to tell whether a pupil has been using drugs or not. Schoolwork, participation in games, social behaviour - all these may be entirely unaf-fected. Only a blood-test can reliably detect the scourge of

drug taking.
Strangely, the Eton decision was criticised in yesterday's Daily Telegraph, which com-plained that such tests might trap youngsters who only use drugs at home during the holidays, "which is not a matter for the school (but) ... for the parents". Yet it is surely an odd morality that would allow one child to be expelled from school for term-time Ecstasy-dropping, while another is permitted a pharmacy-full in the long vac.

A proper compromise would he for parents to administer tests themselves (samples can be collected by fitting false bottoms to lavatories, surreptitiously collecting nail-clippings or in extremis, drawing blood).

This is essential because as with pornograpby, drug-taking is far too serious a matter to be overlooked simply because it is done in private and no one else

Taxes well spent on roads

Sir. Emma Must of Transport Sir. The AA has oot proposed 2000 looks for curbs un lorries (Letters, 31 March).

Lorries formed only a small part of the Government's need to create a 15-year programme to repair and reinforce hridges. The general increase in road traffic, age-related decay and continuous underspending on infrastructure all contributed to make it necessary. Certainly by 1999 we need to strengthen some bridges to accommodate the 40tonne vehicles used throughout the rest of Europe. But we will enjoy both economic and environmental benefits.

Obviously, heavy lorries create more road wear than cars. But so what? All types and weights of lorries pay taxes well in excess of their road wear costs.

Britain has the benefit of perhaps the most efficient freight transport industry in the world. Between 1968 and 1994 the number of lorries fell by 25 per cent while the average work done increased by 300 per cent, a remarkable record.

The UK spends a lower per-centage of GDP on transport than almost every other country in Europe. Rather than plan against the lorry we should be planning for it to benefit both the economy and the environment. Almost everything that we use or consume is produced by a lorry journey and, for the vast majority of freight transport movements, there really is no sensible alternative.

GEOFF DOSSETTER Head of Media Relations

Sir: In your leading article on 3

April ("Back in the USSR"),

you acknowledge the right of Betarus and others to forge

closer links with Russia yet.

with regard to Bulgaria, you state that Western leaders

should remind Boris Yeltsin

that "the independence of East-ern Europe is absolutely not up

Exposing its economy to the

rigours of market forces over

the last few years has caused

many Bulgarian husinesses to

collapse, resulting in unem-

ployment and inflation. These

factors contributed to the for-

mer Communists being

returned to power in the demo-cratic elections of December

1994. Bulgaria's leaders would

undoubtedly have broad public

privatisation of roads or increasing the tax hurden oo the average car-owning family ("Ministers axe plan to cut pol-lution", 2 April). What the AA wants is reform of our archaic system of transport finance and

motoring taxation. Elsewhere in Europe, decisions on transport are bound together with the funds to deliver them. In the UK the curse of our annual public expenditure round allows capital spending to be raided to balance short-term needs. This leads to a massive waste of money, with delayed preventative maintenance, and the preparing of endless projects that never arrive. The result is a low-grade infrastructure from which all travellers suffer.

What the AA is calling for is reform of the system so that the average family enjoys a better return for what it pays.

JOHN DAWSON,

Director of Policy Automobile Association Basingstoke, Hampshire

Sir: A solution to the problem of "Why it's a slow life even in the fast lane" (5 April) would be to make it an offence to take more than 10 seconds to overtake. Although this would be difficult to enforce, it would in time change driver behaviour. No longer would we witness one vehicle travelling at 65mph overtaking another at 63mph, causing an immense queue behind. Dr EOMUND FURSE

support for closer ties with

In order to ensure that Bul-

garia does not turn its back on recent reforms, investment

from the West is required

rather then your bellicose state-

ments. It is to be hoped that the

annual meeting of the Euro-pean Bank for Reconstruction and Development, to be held in

Sofia this week, may catalyse

Harpenden, Hertfordshire

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Forced back into Moscow's arms

Subtleties: Afghan horsemen struggle for the prize Afghanistan a victim of Cold War power play

Photograph: Tom Pilston

Sir: I was interested to read Tim McGirk's article "Horsemen of Afghans' near apocalypse" (1 April) and was sorry he did not understand our game of buzkashi. It is an ancient game of skill and horsemanship, the forerunner of polo. It has its own subtleties and customs

which Afghans, from Buzkashi playing regions will tell you.

Afghan politics were not chaotic and neither were its games until the West made Afghanistan into an arms depot in order to dismantle the Communists. It is ridiculous to say that Afghans have inflicted war

and devastation on themselves. Afghanistan has been destroyed by foreign powers. My country has been the victim of the Cold War and now the West has washed its hands

NASRULLAH SAIFI

National service for community

Sir: Mike Bird (letter, 1 April) cites an appalling crime com-mitted by professional soldiers in Cyprus as an argument against reintroduction of national service. Violent crimes in the services are rare. The armed forces do an excellent joh in developing discipline self-respect and responsibility

A national obligation to serve in the armed forces may well be politically unacceptable today. But I have no doubt that some form of obligation on all young people to do jobs of value to the community would help to promote caring and responsibility, and reduce the alienation and frustration which explain (but do not excuse) much juvenile crime.

(Lord Hunt KG)

Henley-on-Thames

British Library on the move

Sir: The British Library regrets the cuts it has had to make to its activities and services, which Marianne Macdonald (report, 4 April | correctly states have been forced upon us by a shortfall in grant-in-aid from Government. In deciding how to live within

its funding, the library has given very high priority to moving into and operating successfully from its new St Pancras building. Sacrifices have been made specifically to ensure a speedy move. Indeed, over recent months the library has actually accelerated its moving schedule, reflecting its high level of confidence in the Department of National Heritage's construction programme. BRIAN LANG

Chief Executive The British Library London NWI

Offence against Good Friday

Sir: I am surely not the only Christian to be astonished and angered that you should have chosen Good Friday, the most solemn day of the Christian year, to print two cheap and gratuitously offensive headlines n your section 2.

On the cover you print a pic-ture of the Last Supper, with the headline "The passion for food", and on page 13 you run an article on a sports commen-tator, headlined "The Jesus of cool". This is gutter journalism. One of the fundamental values of a humane society is an elementary respect for other peo-ple's deeply held beliefs. Do the staff of the *Independent* not understand this, or is it simply that they do not care?

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A real turkey

out creating ten more.

Sir. Judy Allen asks (3 April) why we never eat turkeys' eggs. I once bought two turkeys' eggs from our local farm shop as a treat for my small son and myself. The taste was amazingabsolutely nothing. They tasted uf less even than supermarket sliced bread. It was like eating jellied water, Judy Allen is certainly not missing anything.
Peter Stokos

London SE5

QUOTE UNQUOTE

It's a bit like comparing plum pudding to caviar - Lord Hailsham, former Lord Chancellor, when asked whether he thought John Major was like Margaret Thatcher, but omitting to say which was which. I don't think Labour's front bench would recognise a civil liberty if you sprayed it on their evebrows - Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP. He passed away with a dignified miaow, dying of liver failure like a true member - Katy Tatchell, deputy secretary of the Chelsea Arts Club, describing the demise of the club's cat, Orlando.

You might well ask why the dung beetle is included in the endangered species list. But the Environment Department says it should go on the list. That does not mean that if one comes across a dung beetle one has to be nice to it - Lord Ferrers, countryside minister. To he frank, which I am, I could easily have done without this measure. It is not scientifically necessary - Philippe Vasseur, French farm minister, on the slaughter of calves from Britain. I do not want to wear out my welcome - Gregory Peck, announcing on his 80th birthday that he was quitting acting after over 50 years.

up a phone hill - Mike McShane, comedian. I won't just take off my knickers without good reason - Kate Beckinsale, actress, who has refused to disrobe in films.

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Cinema's what I call a fat art. You sit around eating and running

You'd be mad to do it, Beefy

Why a great England cricketer would make a terrible England selector. By Robert Winder

It is beginning to look like a typically English story. The campaign to get Ian Botham a job at the top of England cricket (a cam-paign driven, ironically, by the very paign driven, frontcally, by the very papers that hounded Botham almost to death when he was a player) is swiftly threatening to turn into a farce. After England's poor showing in the World Cup recently there is a strong and understand-able desire for a major shake-up at the top of the game. And Botham, the irreverent people's champion who played like a genius, drank like a navvy, strode up hill and down dale raising money for charity, and attacked everything in life head-on, seems like a natural for a role as Messiah. Nine people have applied for the two vacant posts, hut Botham's is the name that is hog-

ging the headlines.

That is partly because of the Byzantine way English cricket goes about these things. Only a week after a hydrogen price of the state of the after a ludicrous episode in which a couple of counties organised a failed putsch against Ray Illing-worth, the powers-that-be find themselves in an embarrassing spot once again. Yesterday the Test and County Cricket Board, the sport's

nected? It sounds as if the man they're talking about is part of some underworld mafia. This is the kind of language used by ancient judges cheekily pretending they haven't heard of the Beatles, and it will add grist to the mills of those who feel that a hlast of Bothamesque air is just what the game needs.

On the face of it, things might

seem to have come to a pretty pass when a man who is arguably England's hest player ever (20,000 runs, 1,200 wickets) is regarded as an unsuitable chap to help pick the present team. But of course the issue isn't that simple.

The reluctance to accept Botham onto the selection panel is not simply because of Botham's long-held and barely disguised contempt for cricket's ruling class -his "gin-soaked dodderers" preceded Will Carling's "old tarts" by almost

a decade; nor is it solely explained by Botham's sharp lack of enthusiasm for the chairman of selectors, Ray Illingworth ("If I had my way, I'd take him to the Traitor's Gate and personally hang, draw and quarter him"). It is undeniably true that nearly everything Botham has ever done has been dogged by



Can you picture this man as a sober selector watching hours of county cricket?

with shock if they knew how much have given the least thought to whether Botham would he any good at the joh if he got it. Everybooze was put away by certain England players and myself between the Saturday night and the Monday when I hit my unbeaten one in cricket knows that the man was a bloody marvel, but ask them whether he should be in charge and they tend to raise their eyes to the ceiling and laugh. It is not axiomatic that the greatest players make the best managers - Ray

It in the amazing Headingley Ashes Test." He did, indeed, play with a huge beery grin that day, and very wonderful it was too. But there wouldn't be many serious takers for a selector who judged players first and foremost by how well they held their drink. To be a selector is to be part of a team of chaps in suits -you win

some arguments, lose a few, and have to watch a depressing amount of county cricket hy way of research. It calls for a sober-sided man (women needn't apply) of unusual patience, and Botham - as he exhilaratingly admitted in his autohiography - seems an implau-sible candidate. As a player, he made up for the notor his appetites with the briefness of his attention-span. And he has a famously short fuse. As his autohiography delights in informing us, when things went wrong he used to go home, drink "a couple of bottles of brandy" and throw ashtrays and pizza at his wife. No wonder

It is hard to believe, actually, that this is the job Botham wants. There is a much stronger case for him to be involved in the revving-up of the team itself - you sense he'd love to be down there with the boys, boasting about past triumphs, tipping beer over their heads, and rousing them on to greater things. More than that, he is a direct and forceful polemicist about the future of the game in this country. He wants the whole present structure torn up and rebuilt, and there are fewer and fewer people who would disagree with him on that.

His ideas on man-management, too, are pretty sound: his main observation about the present England team is that the lads don't seem to he enjoying it enough -and that is plainly true, But it would seem a classic compromise - almost a botched joh - if he were

There's no doubt that there's a mass of things he could do, but this might be too small a pond for a man of his hectic energy. It would be like giving Pavarotti a part in the chorus; you just know that, like the noisy hrat in the infants' school choir, he'd end up spoiling it for

Cross between religion and real life

Early Europeans could relate to the Crucifixion in their own culture, says Matthew Cragoe

Tomorrow, on Easter Day, services will be held across the country to commemorate the Resurrection of Christ. They will celebrate a decisive moment in God's relationship with man, when the resurrection of his only son vividly demonstrated to ordinary peo-

ple the potential for eternal life.
This is one of the most powerful images in the Christian faith, but there is little understanding of just how significant it has been through the ages to Europeans. A story that sprang from the Middle East struck. in its particular details, a chord with traditional peasant beliefs. As a result, however unintentionally, the story sounded utterly convincing to a Euro-pean peasant, who would have heen left in no doubt that this man did, in fact, die, and was truly hrought back to life on Easter Day, rather than merely revived after a dreadful ordeal.

To appreciate just how convincing the story was, it is necessary to reflect on the biblical unages of Christ's Passion. There is the "sacred head ... scornfully surrounded with thorns", the nails through the hands and the feet, and the "sacred body pierced" from which "blood and water both proceed" that are highlighted in Anglican hymns for Passion tide. Thus, when we survey the Cross, we see precisely what the hiblical accounts offered by the Apostles would lead one to expect. There is the crown of thorns mockingly placed on Christ's head, the nails through his hands and feet, the final gaping wound where the soldier stabbed at his side with a spear.

The thorns, the gash in the side and the nails in the feet would all, in European culture, have carried an extra significance given the popular beliefs and practices surrounding death and burial which were widespread in earlier times.

additional meaning of these symbols is the belief widely held historically that the dead were capable of returning from the spirit world to claim the lives of those still living in this world. To prevent the dead returning, many cultures symbolically tied together the feet of the deceased. It was also common, particularly when plague was ravaging a community, to disinter corpses so as to "kill" them properly, and thus

end their nefarious preying on the living population. What people often found

upon opening the grave helps explain a number of burial customs. Corpses that had been buried for several months sometimes looked very much alive when the coffin was opened. The top tayer of skin might have slipped to reveal "new" and, therefore pink flesh underneath. The corpse might be bloated from the gases produced during slow decomposition of the body, and thus look surprisingly healthy, whilst the hacterial action involved could make the body feel warm and the blood in the veins liquid. And these forces, the warmth, and the pressure of gas sometimes forced blood out of the hody's natural exit points, including the mouth. It is to the conjunction of

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these physical characteristics of decomposition and the belief in the "living dead" that the cultural historian Paul Barber ascribes the folkloric belief in vampires throughout continental Europe. And he suggests that many burial practices were clearly intended to pre-empt the possibility of the dead returning to this world. In particular, Barber notes how attempts were made to prevent the hloating of the corpse, whether by slitting open the gut before hurial or by the inclusion of sharp objects such as thorns inside the coffin, so as to puncture the corpse once swelling

Taken in this context, it is easy to understand how the figure of Christ on the Cross, with feet nailed together, the side slit open and the head topped with thorns, took on fresh meaning in traditional societies. The episode came to symbolise ultimate death, from which no return could be possibte. The impact of this image upon those who lived in the The key to unlocking the midst of beliefs relating to death, outlined above, can be illiterate peasant was confronted in the Crucifizion with a recognisable symbol of final, irreversible, human death. All of this was made only more powerful by the image of tomorrow, Easter Sunday - the miracle of the Resurrection.

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His main observation about the present England team is that the lads don't seem to be enjoying it enough

ruling body, circulated a letter to the counties whose votes will decide which two selectors should be added to the five-man panel. It off Botham's bid. "At least one of the nominations," the letter read. "is, we believe, very heavily connected with the media." It went on to point out that such media connections (Botham writes a column in the Mirror and commentates for

Sky) are regarded as disqualifying. We believe? Very heavily con-

controversy: brawls, court cases, scandalous headlines and all. But even this does not properly explain why he is being cold-shouldered.

Botham is that the very qualities that made him such a brilliant grandstanding player are precisely the ones unlikely to make him an effective selector.

In all the column inches devoted in recent days to the Botham case ("Lord's Letter Knifes Botham ... Let's all Boycott Beefy") hardly any

Illingworth might be a case in point. But in England these days there is a kind of celebrity-hysteria that finds it hard to think further

But Botham's own huge reser-voir of natural talent led him to be famously impatient with those less gifted than himself - which included almost everyone. And he was, just as famously, a reckless individualist and bon viveur. "Cricket's hierarchy," he wrote last summer, "would prohably pass out

the selectors are trembling.

The cartel they don't want you to drive

Supermarkets form an oligopoly that denies real consumer choice, argues David Nicholson-Lord

It is a tribute to the success of super-markets that many of us enter them with a moderate shopping list and leave with a bulging trolleyful of goods - and a lingering sense of bemusement Sainsbury's, Tesco, Safeway and

company have made an industry out of binge shopping, turning their knowledge of what makes us buy things into a market dominance that would have been unthinkable a generation ago. And the bigger they have grown, the more ambitious they have become.

The car is the latest addition to the goods and services you may shortly find in your nearest superstore. Korean motor manufacturer Daewoo is to open a showroom in a Sainsbury's Savacentre store at London Colney, just off the M25 in Hertfordshire. It is thought to be the first link of its type between a car firm and a supermarket chain. Almost certainly, it will not be

For the ordinary impulse-driven shopper cast adrift in a glittering sea of commables, there is at least a con-solation that you can't fit a car into a supermarks trolley. For the motor industry are is comfortable – proba-bly too. by too comparable – probably too comparable – network of dealers, the most will ring warning bells. Since the Second World War, but more participate since the start of the Eighties, the sign grocery chains have cut a swathe strough the small independent share that areas constituted pendent shops that once constituted the British high street. The decision to start selling petrol, and the ensuing price war with the oil industry giants, show that they are not afraid to take on the Goliaths as well.

But the Sainsbury's and Tescos of world are Goliaths themselves now. Their annual profits regularly top the half-hillion pound mark. A recent report by Tun Lang and Hugh Raven for the Institute for Public Policy Research found that the market share of the largest multiples had risen from 24 per cent in 1983 to more than 50 per



Supermarkets thrive on turning 'a few things' into a back-seat full of bootv

cent, and on present trends would grow to 70 per cent by the end of the Nineties. In many parts of Britain, individual stores account for more than 25 per cent of sales - the usual definition achieved, in part, because supermarkets give us what we think we want. They offer, through novel and "exotic" goods, the chance to experiment with our identity. They also offer variety, convenience and efficiency - big parks for our cars, 15,000-20,000 products to choose from, the opportunity to satisfy. all our shopping needs in one trip—the

so-called "one-stop shop". In an increasingly harried age, the one-stop shop has an obvious appeal. The superstores, which we still mistakenly conceive of as grocery outlets, now contain books, newspapers, flowers, hardware, clothes, dry-cleaning and pharmacy outlets, coffee shops,

hair-dressing salons and crèches. And since the hig chains have three quarters of the food and drink market, but only a tenth of the non-food market, it is in the latter sector that most of the of a monopoly. This success has been growth potential lies and which they have thus chosen to target.

The supermarket chains have had some powerful allies in their rise to dominance. In the Eighties, laissez-faire planning allowed them to concrete over out-of-town sites with sprawling superstores; the recent belated attempt by the Department of the Environment to halt this exodus and the destruction of town centres it entailed still looks unconvincing. And the Government, for all its early pluralistic rhetoric, has been an ineffectual enforcer of competition policy. Instead, it has uncritically accepted the clickes of the global marketplace, arguing that on a world

players and the bigger these are, the better. Industry wisdom - in other words, conventional wisdom - also suggests a future dominated by global

The truth, however, is that the rise of the superstores is resistible. Political and social choices just make it seem as though there is no alternative. And those choices carry costs.

The first concerns that overworked word "community". One does not need to romanticise the high street or the town centre to conclude that it embodied something about civic identity, neighbourliness and a sense of wider allegiances - what used to be called "public spiritedness" - which are wbolly excluded from the sanitised interiors of the superstore. Supermarkets have helped to destroy this and have replaced it with something ucts, marvel at the breadth and novelty, economic stage, Britain needs giant patently inferior, to do solely with con-

sumption. The social costs of this, such as costs of crime, are impossible to measure accurately but are probably enormous. Moreover, in an age when we must consider the environmental impact of our lifestyles, we can no longer afford such a one-dimensional

approach to consumption.
The second issue is power. Nationally, no superstore technically constitutes a monopoly: Sainsbury's and Tesco just about muster a 25 per cent national market share hetween them. Yet, despite their much-vaunted competitiveness, they behave almost like clones, with one chain's cut-prices or customer loyalty scheme quickly emulated by another. In reality, they are an oligopoly - an unelected corporate élite which increasingly acts as the arbiter of a nation's tastes and rewards

itself handsomely for so doing.

The élite is composed of husinessmen and devoted to the bottom line. It leads from behind, eschews experimentation and operates middle-range, safety-first policies. Hence, for exampte, the supermarkets' habit of choosing the more popular, fatty and sugary foods for their promotions rather than healthy alternatives. Hence, too, the relative absence of organic products on supermarket shelves and the comlaints of food producers that to satisfy supermarket requirements, they must produce a standardised, uniform

product, usually doused in chemicals.
The extent of the commercial power wielded by the big chains means such complaints are rarely voiced in public. In effect, a new paternalism has arisen - brought about, paradoxically, by the exercise of consumer choice. Not only should this prompt questions about the concept of consumer sovereignty in a complex economy. It also raises a disturbing prospect - that when the dominance of the hig supermarket chains is nearing the 100 per cent mark, we may stand among the aisles of prodand never realise what we are missing.

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US Treasury honds plunged more than two points, with yields soaring to their highest level in eight months yesterday, as strong US employment data wiped out what hopes remained of one more interest rate cut.

With equity markets closed in the US, as in the UK and most of Europe, there was no repeat the 170-point dive when equivalent payroll figures a month ago stoked up fears of resurgent inflation and higher borrowing rates. But both Wall Street and London will be on a high state of alert when trading resumes after the Easter break.

News of an additional 140,000 non-farm jobs created in March - double the 70,000 market forecast - and a smaller than expected downward revision of the huge 705,000 February payroll increase to 624,000, confirmed that the American economy was growing at a healthy pace. The growth would have been even sharper if manufacturing employment had not slumped thanks to a strike at General

ing like this, the Fed is going to worry about rising wages," said Cynthia Latta, an economist at DRI/McGraw Hill. "They ccrtainly are not going to push rates

Worries that the figures might signal a tightening of monetary policy sent the 30-year Treasury bond price skidding to a price of 89.16 from a previous close of 91.10. Its yield soared to 6.82 per cent, the highest level since August last year, up from Thurs-

day's close of 6.67 per cent. The key 30-year June futures contract suffered an even worse beating, slumping more than two points tu crash through what had been a major support level. It fell through the support marker of 110.03 to close at 109.13, down from its previous close of 111.20.

"The January easing by the Fed may turn out to be the last in this cycle," said Kevin Flanagan, economist at Wall Street brokerage firm Dean Witter Reynolds, "I am not ready to talk about tightening but I think the Fed is going to be neutral from here on."

Patrick Dimick, a Treasury analyst at CS First Boston, said the concern was that the March

data had pushed the threemonth average gain in payrolls to 206,000, a jump from the 142,000 average increase in the fourth quarter of last year.
"You have to start considering

Fed tightening," he said. Although trading was limited esterday, with the stock market closed and the bond market closing at noon, analysts said the plunge in bond prices was enough to raise expectations of further sharp falls in both stocks and bonds when full trading resumes on Monday.

"Bonds have been absolutely crushed," said Eric Wall, treasury market analyst at MMS International in Chicago, "People will return on Monday and look at the June contract in horror."

The concern is that when the rest of the market comes back next week, you will probably see rates continue to move higher,"

added Flanagan.
Some predict the 30-year bond yield will widen to between 7.0 and 7.25 per cent by July. That could spell disaster for stocks, as 7 per cent is considered a key point at which fund managers will start thinking about moving some of their equity holdings to cash and money market investments.

Markets set for | Chancellor 'has little scope for tax cuts'



Off-target: The panel of independent advisers agrees on the political sensitivity of the decisions facing Mr Clarke

DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor**

Chancellor Kenneth Clarke is unlikely to meet his target for growth this year, but has little scope to either reduce the cost of borrowing or cut taxes, ac-cording to a report from the Treasury's panel of "wise per-sons" due to be published next

A majority of the six expert advisers predict interest rates might have to be raised later this year or early next, in forecasts which emphasise the political sensitivity of the judgements the Chancellor will have to make.

None of the economists on the panel of independent forecasters thinks the economywill grow by as much as the 3 per cent Mr Clarke predicted in last November's Budget. Professor Patrick Minford of Liverpool University and Gavyn Davies of the American investment bank Goldman Sachs are forecasting growth below 2 per cent.

Yet only Professor Minford believes there is room for more than another quarter point fall in base rates. He thinks the Chancellor should slash 2 percentage points off rates to boost growth to 3 per cent in 1996. There would be no danger of inflationary pressure while there is so much slack in the economy, according to Professor

He is well known for his view that the Conservatives' labour market reforms have boosted the economy's potential, allowing faster growth with-

other members of the panel Mr Davies forecasts inflation slightly above its 2.5 per cent target at the end of this year even with growth as low as 1.9 per cent.

Professor Tim Congdon of Lombard Street Research, the other City member of the panel, has recently sounded warnings about the danger of rising in-flation. He thinks the economy will expand faster than its longrun trend rate of growth in the second half of this year and 1997, making inflation of 5 per cent by 1999 a possibility.





down: Professor Minford (top) and Gavyn Davies expect

The other "wise persons" -Kate Barker of the CBI, Bridget Rosewell of consultancy Business Strategies and Martin Weale of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research - predict higher growth. But even Ms Rosewell, the most optimistic, thinks the economy will expand by only 2.7

per cent this year. Her relative optimism is based on the same argument as Mr Clarke's - the expectation that tax cuts and windfalls such as building society flotations and maturing Tessas will put a tail wind behind consumer

spending.
None of the six, apart from
Professor Minford, believes that further interest rate cuts will be possible if the Chancetfor is to get near his inflation tar-get. The five predict that base rates will start to rise by later this year or early next year.

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The panel is, unusually, unanimous about the difficulty Mr Clarke will face if be is bunting for tax cuts in the next Budget. The disappointingly high level of government horrowing means that returning the public finances to the levels set out in tast year's budget will limit the scope for tax cuts.

Ms Barker said: "There is not a good background for major tax cuts that are not matched by additional cuts in public spending," Most experts think it will be difficult enough for the Gov-ernment to stick to the spending limits it has already set.

The panel will publish a report on the amount of spare capacity in the economy in May.

Business angel: Kevin Leech made a decision to back the kind of people banks would not help

The venture capitalist who turned a £750,000 stake in ML Laboratories into £370m talks to Magnus Grimond

Biotech backer's new baby is caravan parks

A drop-out from the educa- Laboratories, one of a rapidly tional system, Kevin Leech is the unlikeliest venture capitalist. The son of a Manchester undertaker, this small, somewhat crumpled figure with a lisp might be mistaken for a salesman. He is actually one of Britain's most powerful business Wealthy individuals who risk

ot and Kevin Leech is no exception. His bashfulness is understandable, given the everpresent threat of unwanted supplicants, but the exterior impression is belied by a sure touch with investment. Since 1964 he has turned an original £3,000 investment in his father's business into a portfolio now valued at several bundred million pounds. Much of his success has been

based on one investment: ML

growing band of fledgling pharmaceutical groups. In January, the extent of that success became clear when Mr Leech raised £37.5m from reducing his stake in the group, leaving a re-maining holding still valued at around £340m. Not bad going for an original investment of £750,000 in 1982

their money backing fledgling and a well-timed exit to boot. His sale marked the shares' re-

Having reduced his holding to 54 per cent, Mr Leech is already turning his attention to his other investments. At the end of last month Milner Laboratories, the vehicle through which he origi-nally invested in ML, announced it was injecting £1.5m into another of the so-called hiotech habes, Proteus International, with the option of raising its stake to just under 30 per cent.

His interests range wider than biotech companies, though. Queensborough Holdings is at present one of the more intriguing possibilities. Like ML and many of his other business opportunities, this one arose from contacts in Jersey, where Mr Leech, who remains a keen Manchester United supporter, now makes his home.

The group, acquired with partner Stuart Sim, has been through a number of incarnations over the years, but it is now being rapidly turned into a leisure business. On Thursday, Queensborough announced a £9.2m cash-raising to pay for three acquisitions which take it overseas to France for the first time. It already owns the Needles Pleasure Park, a 20-acre visitor attraction on the Isle of Wight, and in February paid £1.35m for the Cheddar Gorge Cheese Company.

The latest passion, however, is caravan parks and the recent deal increases the number of caravan pitches owned by the group to 6,000, making it one of the market's biggest. It is not something to set the middle class pulse racing, but Mr Leech is confident there is great po-tential in this highly fragmented industry.

"A lot of people cannot afford to go un Continental holidays, nor do they want to. A lot people want second homes, but they can't buy the big freehold second homes, so as people are living longer, as people are retiring earlier, as people are working less hours, the leisure parks are unly a gallon of petrol away from where they live, so s affordable", he says.

Queensborough is already the third-largest operator of caravan parks in the UK, behind

Park Worlds, part of the Rank Organisation, and the privately owned Bourne Leisure. Now installed as chairman, Mr Leech is hoping to cash in on income growth in the sector, currently said to be running at around 8 to 10 per cent a year in the UK. and is ready eventually to expand into Europe.

ML Labs, Protcus and Queensborough are just the

most public results of Mr ital in the early 1980s. Recently his Jersey connections led him to pick up Fletcher Powerboats, the higgest maker of trailer boats in Europe, from Homby Group.

His own start in business over 30 years ago was as a result of the death of his father. But he had to turn to the family solicitor for the personal guarantee which allowed him to raise the £3,000-odd he needed to buy out the rest of the family. That experience left an indeli-

ble impression.
"In 1964 when I wanted help, nobody would help me. There were no venture capital funds then. No BES funds. There were no tax breaks for people. So I made a conscious decision ... that I would back

people when banks couldn't help. Banks can only help when you are successful. Banks can only help when you have got collateral."

Mr Leech and Mr Sim also claim a different approach from corporate venture capital backers by giving managements more time to succeed. "We hang on until we get them right and if it means buying another company to bolt them on, we get management, we get it right." says Mr Leech.

Mr Sim emphasises the importance of ensuring both that ibe individuals remain keen and that the product and its price are right. They are less concerned about the return year-onyear. "A lot of businesses fail ... and they had no need to fail if they had been given more leeway by the bank.

With Mr Leech's ability to pick winners and Mr Sim's financial disciplines, the two men may have something to teach the slick venture capital groups operating out of the City. It is an impressive performance for Kevin Leech, who left school at 15 with eight O-levels and failed to complete his articles as a chartered accountant

Reporting companies find the 'feelgood' factor

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

When the Easter weekend falls this early in April it provides a welcome break for analysts and investors, who can feel pretty battered by the annual reportmg season's torrent of financial infurmation. Within the past month alone, more than 500 guoted companies have reorted figures, mainly full-year

results for 1995. With so many figures filling the financial pages, it can be difficult to see the wood for the trees, so the Independent, in association with Hemmington Scott, the financial information publisher, has done a survey of the results for the largest companies reporting recently. Since the end of January.

when the reporting season really starts to get under way. 58 of the constituents of the FT-SE 100 index of Britain's largest companies have reported results. While the "feelgood" faccountry, the numbers suggest

pretty good shape - profits bave been surprisingly good and dividends notably generous.

Of the 58 companies, which includes a representative range of retailers, banks, builders, oil companies and leisure stocks, only 10 announced lower profits than a year ago, with 48 reporting growth. Disappointments included P&O, the cruises to ferries

group, where investor unrest forced Lord Sterling to formulate a £tbn cash-raising exercise to attempt to boost shareholder value. Builders' merchants Wolseley and Tarmac fell as the construction sector's woes conlinucd, British Gas's problems persisted and Unilever struggled to cope with pricing pressures. But these were the exceptions that proved the positive rule during February and March.

A raft of insurance companies benefited from an uptick in that sector's pronounced cycle and General Accident, Sun Alliance, Legal & General, Comtor has eluded the rest of the mercial Union. Royal Insurance and the Prudential all recorded hig jumps in profits. The rest of

the financial sector also joined in the fun, with Barclays, HSBC. National Westminster and Lloyds TSB notching up at teast double-digit rises in profits.

Industry was not to be left ont. ICI continued to ride the chemicals cycle and to benefit from its relentless cost cutting in recent years to see its profits jnmp from £408m to £927m. BOC, often seen as a bellwether of the world economy, increased its first quarter return by a healthy 13 per cent from £89m to £101m.

Recovery from previous disasters was a recurrent theme and Kingfisher, the Woolworths.

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B&Q and Superdrug group, continued to put its recent problems behind it with a 28 per cent profits rise. Ladbroke reversed 1994's huge losses into a respectable £95m profit despite the assault on its betting

arm by the National Lottery. While the profits rises have been striking, what has been re-ally ooticeable about this year's reporting season is the extent to which companies are choosing to return value to shareholders, some by share buy-backs such as Guinness's, many with dividend increases way in excess of

the rate of inflation.

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the increases have been extremely chunky and of the 58 companies included in the survey only Redland reduced its payout. Wolseley's 5 per cent increase, which puts it in the laggards category, still represents a dividend rise worth almost twice the increase in the cost of

Out of 58 companies, 29, or half the total, increased their payout by more than 10 per cent. As one analyst quipped, you can get a better return on your cash by investing in Abbey National shares than by putting the money in an Abbey account - and the income grew by 22 per

The Independent survey confirms the message from the equity market strategists contacted this week, whu said the results season emerged slightly more positive than they had expected. Bob Semple, at Nat West Markets, said that of the 163 companies he tracked. 23 had disappointed compared with 46 which had turned out

better than forecast. Paul Walton at Goldman

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Sachs took a more jaundiced view, seeing too much optimism in consensus profits growth forecasts of about 11 per cent for the current year. He believed the cycle in operating margins was reaching a peak and saw an additional risk to the equity market in bond yields which be forecast to rise.

But the main reason for his hearish stance related to political risk, which he thought the City was yet to take seriously With the market likely, in his view, to end the year at 3,400 compared with Thursday's close of 3,755.6, he recommended taking shelter in late cycle stocks such as stores, services

transport and chemicals. The bull argument was pro vided by Mark Tinker at HSBC James Capel, who focused or dividend growth, which he expected to continue at between 8 and 9 per cent for the rest of the year. Compared with inflation of less than 3 per cent, he said that represented an unusually good real return and he expects markets to reach a year-end target of 4,000.

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Damage limitation not in Harlequins' thoughts

This time last year Harlequins were worrying about relega-tion. This time around, with essentially the same personnel, far from contemplating the drop, they are contemplating dropping in on Europe as they head for today's match against Bath at the Rec.

Barring some improhable results in the run-in, a place among the elite will be Quins for the taking and it looks as though they may have the services of Ireland's hooker, Keith Wood, and the Neath and Wales lock, Gareth Llewellyn, when they begin their European campaign. Wood yesterday discussed a move to The Stoop, despite the Irish authorties' recent deal designed to keep their top talent at home.

Llewellyn's move will be sub-ject to Welsh Rugby Union approval. They have said they want assurances from Harlequins that he will be released for all international squad training sessions and Wales matches.

David Llewellyn on a weekend that sees rugby union's Barbarians going to Cardiff

So h is no wonder that Harlequins, who have never beaten Bath in 11 league games, head west in upbeat mood. They are in second place two points behind Bath having scored 455 points, some 34 more than the leaders, and they are talking of winning. The ability has always been there, now there is added steel.

Their success has given the stand-off Paul Challinor a deal of personal satisfaction, hecause he had to start off in the third XV after missing preseason training through injury. Oesteopathy sorted things out and when the first choice, David Pears, was struck down by his injury jinx Challinor took his chance. The 26-year-old, who has been accused of being a kicking stand-off in the past, says there is a change of outlook at The Stoop.

"There is confidence," he explains. "Last year I had to kick because it was about the only time we went forward in a match. This year it is different. Thanks to Gareth Allison we are winning a lot of line-out ball so I now have other options. We normally go to Bath with damage limitation in mind. This time we are going there believing we

have a chance.' Quins are unchanged from last week which means Chris Sheasby returns from the Hong Kong Sevens - his club were unhappy about his appearance for England in the tournament - to the ignominy of the bench. Bath, in contrast, welcome back sevens men Jon Sleightholme and Adedayo Adebayo. Ben Clarke is on holiday so the Scotland international Eric Peters is recalled.

Leicester, in third place, are still without Dean Richards but they too find room for an-other Hong Kong Sevens man, Neil Back, for the critical home game against fourth-placed Wasps. The London side have lost Damian Hopley who damaged knee ligaments in Hong Kong and is out for the season, while stand-off Guy Gregory returns on the squad rota system in place of Chris Braithwaite.

London Irish need a victory over Bedford to secure promotion to the First Division while in Wales Cardiff send out a callow side against a Barbarians' XV which includes the former All Black John Gallagher and the veteran Rugby winger Eddie Saunders for a traditional fixture that is expected to attract a 15,000 crowd to the Arms Park. Most of Wales will be concentrating on the league where Neath travel to lowly Abertillery looking to extend



Pedal power: Alwyn McMath beats Alex Sims in a semi-final of the Champion of Champions Sprint at the international

track cycling meeting at Herne Hill yesterday. McMath lost to Frederic Magne in the final



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Sweden fight for 2-0 lead

Tennis

Thomas Enqvist rebounded from a difficult start and Jonas Bjorkman struggled to a five-set win to give Sweden a 2-0 lead against India yesterday in their Davis Cup quarter-final in Calcutta.

Bjorkman defeated Leander Paes 1-6, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3, 7-5 in a gruelling match that took more than three hours to complete while Enqvist had a slightly easier 6-7, 7-6, 6-1, 6-1 win over Mahesh Bhupati.

Bhupati, after winning the first set tie-break, hroke Enqvist in the 10th game of the second set hut squandered the next game with two double faults and two errors. He lost the tie-break and never recovered. All his 18 aces came in the first two sets.

In the first match, played at the peak of the heat, Bjorkman only found his game in the middle of the second set. By first five service games.

By the beginning of the final set, both Bjorkman and Paes were drained by Calcutta's notorious heat and dampness 90.5F and 62 per cent hum-

Eleven deuces were recorded in the first two games and despite eight double faults in the last set. Bjorkman held his serve and finally broke Paes in the 11th game.

South Africa took a surprise 1-0 lead yesterday against Italy in their quarter-final in Rome. Marcos Ondruska beai Italy's top player, Renzo Furlan, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 win.

In Prague, Todd Martin powered his way past Petr Korda of the Czech Republic 6-2, 6-4, 7-5 to give the holders, the United States, a 1-0 lead while Germany, without their leading players, Boris Becker and Michael Stich, went 1-0 behind to France in Limoges as Cedric Pioline, the US Open runner-up in 1993, beat David then he had dropped four of his Prinosil, ranked No 40 in the world, 6-0, 6-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Martin puts Horner 'back in her corner'

Jane Martin pulled off an astonishing victory at the Leekes British Open in Cardiff yesterday when she defeated the third seed Liz Irving in the quarter-

The former British junior champion triumphed 9-2, 6-9, 5-9, 9-7, 9-2 in 71 minutes to qualify for a semi-final against the defending champion, Michelle Martin, Irving's Australian team-mate.

Jane Martin, seeded 10th, revealed a level of mobility and tactics that England observers had been awaiting for some

From 6-7 down in the fourth game, she emerged as the stronger competitor, making just one error in two dozen rallies compared to 10 from the ex-

perienced Irving.
Michelle Martin, the top seed, had earlier removed Suzanne Horner, the British national champion, 9-6, 9-1, 9-3 in a 39minute match that reversed the result of their recent meeting in the Abshot Open.

Horner, seeded six, was unable to deal with the athletic determination of an opponent who dismissed their Abshot match, in which the Yorkshire woman beat her for the first time, as just another game.

"It was nice to get quick revenge," the Australian said. "I have put Mrs Horner back in her corner." The men's second seed, Rod-

ney Eyles, won an all-Australian battle with Anthony Hill 15-10, 15-9, 15-7 in just half an hour. Mark Chaloner - Jane Mar-

tin's training colleague - lost 15-6, 13-15, 15-8, 15-9 in the men's quarter-finals to Brett Martin, the elder hrother of Michelle.

vember's World Open Championship.

The inventive Australian powered through the opening game, had to give way as Chaloner counter-attacked in the second hut steadily took command of the court through

Hendry defiant after another setback

Stephen Hendry will go into the World Championship at The Crucible, Sheffield, in a fortnight's time still looking for his first ranking title victory of the year after being beaten by Nigel Bond at the British Open in Plymouth yesterday.
The Scot succumbed to only

his second defeat in 12 meetings with his stablemate Bond. losing their third-round match 5-4. Hendry, the five-times world champion, remained defiant after his defeat, however, and said: "What happened here will have no bearing on events at The Crucible. I haven't done well at this tournament in the last three years but have still gone on to win the world title."

Bond, runner-up to Hendry in last year's world championship, produced a stunning

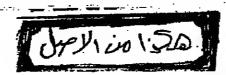
clearance of 59 to the pink in the deciding frame after Hendry had missed a hlack with six reds left when leading 38-7. "It was terrible. I couldn't make a long pot to save my life," Hendry said. "I thought I'd get another chance as we hoth missed so many pots through-out the match. But credit to

Nigel for that clearance." Bond's success was his first over Hendry since the 1993 Regal Welsh Open. The world No 12 from Derbyshire admitted: "I thought I'd blown it. After I'd missed a couple of reds early on I just decided to go for it.

"Stephen's beaten me so

many times that I guess I owed 🦸 him one. I have struggled to find my best form since the new year and it would he nice to win this event just hefore Sheffield."

Bond now meets Peter Ebdon today for a place in the semi-finals



GOLF: Next week's US Masters will end a way of life for one amateur. Tim Glover talked to him

Sherry sips at the big time

ordon Sherry will turn professional sconer or derstudy as a lighthogen in the later and the odds say it will be sooner, i.e. next Friday as opposed to Sunday. Whatever happens, Sherry's last tournament as an amateur is the Masters at Augusta National which starts on Thursday and if he fails to make the half-way cut he will join the paid ranks before Saturday comes.

As the reigning amateur champion, Sherry is one of the special invitees to Georgia's exclusive garden party, the first major championship of the season. Although Bobby Jones, the man who huilt Augusta National and inspired the Masters 62 years ago, was the greatest mateur of all, the record of the Corinthians suggests that Sherry's appearances down Mag-nolia Drive will he limited. Amateurs do not hang around for the weekend of the Masters.

"If I win it," Sherry said,"I'll have a big party at the end." He did not laugh when he made the remark. Sherry will he 22 on Easter Monday and what con-cerns him is that he has a deht to pay, particularly to his parents, Anne and Bill. Anne teaches handicapped children. Bill is a retired policeman and they have raided the Bank of Scotland to fund a family ex- because I play cursion to America.

"I can't wait to turn professional," Sberry said. "Being an amateur and trying to play in tournaments is a nightmare. The stupid rules mean that I'm not allowed to get any expenses and once again my mum and dad have had to fork out. It's scandalous. I win the amateur, go abroad to represent Scotland on behalf of the Royal and Ancient and because of the ridiculous regulations it's my parents who end up paying. I could have done a few things but nothing that would have been legal. I can't sign anything until I turn pro."

Sherry had to decline an in-Estation to play in the Desert Classic in Dubai last month. There was no point," he said. "It would have cost me well over £1.000 and that didn't include food or expenses for my caddie." He is not short of invitations or sponsors or management advice and will almost certainly sign for the Edinburgh-based company Carpegie next weekend. On the son's 76 and Norman's 74. "Did customs declaration form going out to Georgia he described I'm a student." himself as a student. On the return leg he can write: professional golfer.

As Sherrys go he is in the schooner class, oft 8in (three inches taller than his father) with a shoe size, 13, that has old Bill written all over it and at the top is a shock of ginger hair

derstudy as a lighthouse in the Firth of Tay. In every sense Sherry made a huge impression last summer which had agents clamouring for the number of his mobile phone. After winning the Amateur

Championship at Hoylake (where Bobby Jnnes won the Open in 1930, the last amateur to do so), he had a superb 100 per cent record in leading Scotland to the European team championship at Royal Antwerp and then finished fourth in the Scottish Open at Carnoustie behind Wayne Riley, Nick Faldo and Colin Montgomerie. No amateur had ever made the cut in the Scottish Open. It was the fourth-best performance by an amateur in a European Tour event and had he been a pro he would have wnn £30,000. As it was he won £1 off Tiger Woods, betting the American amateur champion

'I get annoyed when people treat me differently just

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Sherry received a special bottle of whisky from Carnoustie Golf Club. He responded: "This is the best links in the world lenthusiastic applause] apart from Kilmarnock Barassie." That, of course, is his home course. The whisky is still on the shelf. "We're not drinkers," Anne said, "and Gordon doesn't touch a drop. With a name like ours we don't need to."

After Carnoustie, the dry Sherry enjoyed another fabulous week in the Open at St Andrews. In a practice round he played with Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus and got a hole in one at the eighth. In the second round of the championship, playing with Watson and Greg Norman (combined earnings £50m) Sherry (student grant) shot 71 to Wat-

George Bush, following the three ball, remarked on Sherry's golf and added: "I hear he's a nice guy." Those around him. not counting men in raincoats, dark glasses and holsters, confirmed to the ex-President that Big Gordy was indeed one of the best. Nicklaus invited Sherry to his tnurnament, the Memorial in Columbus (he will play in it later this year) and Norman said of him: "He's intelligent, likeable and muthing seems to faze him. He reminds me a bit of Ernic Els. I'm really really impressed with this kid and I can't say that about many youngsters I've played with around the world. The game needs a breath of fresh air and he's it." Watson, remarking that Sherry was large enough to play tackle for the Kansas City Chiefs, said: "He's got a great smile, a sense of humour... he's just a delightful guy. Besides that he can play."

It is not true that nothing fazes him. "The attention has put a strain on the whole family," he said. "I'd be lying if I said it wasn't difficult. It is nice for people to take an interest but with some it's almost hero worship and I'm not a hig fan of that. I'm still the same person and I get annoyed when people treat me differently just because I play golf well. The phone never stops and I've got to be tougher. As a pro I'll he a small fish in a hig pond."

By the time he brought a momentous year to an end by leading Britain and Ireland to victory over the United States in the Walker Cup at Royal Porthcawl, Sherry, feted and dined, was hitting the scales at 20st. This year he has done a Montgomerie and has lost three stone. "I like my mum's cooking too much," Sherry said, "I was overweight hut not by that much. I'm not starving myself, I'm just being careful. Breakfast, hunch and dinner is all I need."

After the Walker Cup he returned to Stirling University to complete his studies for a degree in hiochemistry. He will get the results in June. Sherry has not had a chance to play competitive golf this year hut spent a month practising at Desert Mountain in Phoenix, as a guest of the owner Lyle Anderson, and two weeks at Valderrama. "I got a cheap flight," he said. Anderson also owns Loch Lomond GC and has made Sherry an honorary life member.

If he has saved a few bob on his own food bill, Sherry has another mouth to feed; he has employed a caddie, George Sprunt, alias Turnberry George, an experienced bagman on the I get any sleep? Of course I did. circuit. In addition to playing in the Memorial (Big Jack laid down one condition, that the Scot was not missing any exams), Sherry has received invitations to the Kemper Open in America, the Benson and Hedges International, the Murphy's Irish Open, the Loch Lomond World Invitational and the Italian Open and also hopes



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to get into the English and Augusta National offers ama-Scottish Opens.

As for life on tour, Sherry has had a chat with his best pal, Stephen Gallacher, the nephew of Bernard, who turned professional earlier in the year, "I played nine events in a row last year so I know what it's like to play out of a suitcase," Sherry said. "It can't be much different from being an amateur. The only difference is that it's your living."

teurs on-course accommodation. a bedroom in the clubbouse Crow's Nest, but Sherry declined. "People would know where I am and I'd get pestered. We're staving in a wee private house." A bodega of Sherrys will make the trip - parents, aunts, uncles and his elder hrother Iain who has a handicap of eight. "He likes to describe himself as a lithographer," Sherry said, "He's a printer."

Sherry gets 10 tickets for the tournament but only two that will gain entry to the clubhouse. "I've already given them to mum and dad." At Augusta he will also be reunited with his coach, Bob Torrance. "The last time I saw him I said 'see you at the Masters'. Imagine that, It sounds fantastic doesn't it? See you at the Masters. If I win it I'll go ex-directory. No I won't. I'll emigrate." No he won't.

Old and new meet at Cowes

Sailing

STUART ALEXANDER

Ancient and modern combine in Cowes today as the Matthew, a replica of John Cabot's 1497 ship which took him from Bristol to Newfoundland, meets up with a near-40 strong fleet contesting the Royal Ocean Racing Club's Red Funnet Easter Regatta, including a clutch of boats limbering up for Commodores' Cup team trials. Neither appreciated the

chilly but fresh winds from the South-east, atthough the Matthew's master, David Alan-Williams, will he ready for worse when he sets off for north America next year and has experienced much mnre misery on the world recordhreaking run of the 92ft catamaran Enza when winning the Jules Verne Trophy.

The first boat to finish in Class

One yesterday was Stephen Fein's Full Pelt, followed over the line at the finish of a 15-mile race in the central Solent by two courage regional support.

Mumm 36s, John Oswald's Destiny Angel and Tim Barrett's

First boat to finish in Class Two was Chris and Georgie Brown's Billy J Whizz on an afternoon watched by Harry Cudmore, hrought in by the RORC to offer coaching hints to those hoping to make what is expected to be two England teams in the Commodores' Cup in July. Formal trials begin next

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month and this is an area which Cudmore has not contested for some time. "It will be interesting to have a look at what is going on at local and club level after being so closely involved in both Admiral's and America's Cup," Cudmore said. "It is really too early to say what will need to be done, but weekends like this early in the season offer useful pointers. The New York Yacht Club's

Pact 2000 defence syndicate for the Americas Cup has linked with the Portland Yacht Cluh, Maine, and Detroit's Bayview Yacht Club to en-

Block to Cadle's prize

Basketball DUNCAN HOOPER

When London Towers' players celebrate their Budweiser League championship this weekend in the final games of the regular season, their coach, Kevin Cadle, will be reflecting that the prize he most cherishes remains out of reach.

The new European Super League for the Continent's top 24 clubs launches in September, hut English hasketball does not rate highly enough to earn a place. Cadle, who is poised for a clean sweep of all the domestic titles for the fourth time in six years, recognises that Euro-

pean baskethall is the only meaningful test of a league's competitive status. "English basketball is not ready for the Super League yet," the American acknowledges, "and we won't be ready for a while. We have to go one step at a time and get the finances and the administration right."

The International Federation's rankings have been based on the last three years, when English clubs' poor record in En-ropean competitions has left them rated below such countries as Georgia, Switzerland, Slovakia, Macedonia and Ukraine. Spain, Greece, Italy and France will each have three clubs in the Super League.

I'm a big fan of Roberto Duran's. I used to respect him. Now I come over here and he makes a big show by disrespecting me. He's fat and lazy, a fat hamburger-eating slob. Hector Camacho, on Roberto Duran, who he fights on 22 June.

To be fair, it was karnikaze defending. Menagers would be dead within six months if every game was ike that. Liverpool manager Roy Evans after his side's 4-3 Premiership victory over Newcastle. I am appalled by the criticism.

house. Manchester United man age Alex Ferguson after an inci-dent involving Chelsea skipper Wise and United midfielder Roy Keene during the FA Cup semi-final at Villa Park. Without wishing to sound con-

in the Endsleigh League. I'm only

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

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JEWSON EASTERN LEAGUE Premier Division: Fakenham v Cornard; Felbistowe v Wroutham: Great Yarmouth v Clacton: Hadleigh v Lowestoft, March v Sudbun erers: Newmarket v Woodbridge; prarket v Tiptree; Wisbech v Hatstead. INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND AL-LIANCE: Barwell v Witerhalt; Blakenall v Stapenhilt, Boldmere St Micha all Swifts v Rushall Olympic; Chase nown v Pershore; Halesonsen Hamers v nown v Pershore; Halesonsen Hamers v Notice and Manual Manual Mest Middle cester, knypersiey Victoria v West Midlands Police: Sandwell Borough v Hinckley Athlenc: Shepsheo Lyminia v Shiriki.

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LEAGUE First Division: Crook v Bediangton Terners: Duriston v Whickham; Muston v Shidon; Peterlee v Seaham Red Stag;
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PRESS AND JOURNAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Brora Rangers v Deveronvale; Clachnacuddin v Naim County; Eign City v Huntly; Forres Mechanics v Fraserburgh; Kerth v Peterhead; Lossiemouth v Cove Rangers; Wick Academy v Buckle Thistle reangers, work Academy blocke inside SMIRNOFF RISH LEAGUE Premier Di-vision: Bengor v Glensvom; Cistonville v Lin-field: Crusaders v Ards; Portadown v Glentoran, First Division: Bathydare v Car-rick; Disullery v Ballymena; Larne v Col-eraine; Omegh v Newny.

LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth v Holy-well; Afen Lido v Connah's Quay; Barry v Llanes; Briton Ferry v Portimadog Cernes Bay v Ton Pentre; Cwmbran v Caersws; Ebbw Vale v Bangor City; First v Inter Cardiff; Llansantfiraid, v Newsown (2.30); Rhyl v Conwy (2.30).

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF STELAND Pre-mier Division: Galway v Deny City (7.0). FAI HARP LAGER CUP Semi-final: Sign Rovers v Shetbourne (7.15). VARSITY MATCH: Oxford v Carribnoge (1.0) (at Craven Cottage, Fulham).

3.0 unless stated

Rugby Union REPRESENTATIVE MATCH; Cardiff Bar-barians (2.30).

COURAGE CLUBS' CHAMPIONSHIP National Laugue One: Bath v Harlequins Gloucester v Bristol (2.15); Leicester i Gotorester v Bristo (2.15); Leicester v Wasps; Sale v Saracens; West Hardepool v Greil, National League Trucs London Irish v Bedfard; London Scoziesh v Blackheath; Moseley v Wakefield; Northampson v New-castle Gosforth; Waterloo v Nortingham. National League Three: Coventry v Har-rogues, Fylde v Rugby, Morley v Richmond Reading v Odey, Rushertram v Rosslyn Park National League Four: Othon v Pyrnouth; Exeter v Liverpool St Helens; Leeds v Re-

HENEKEN WELSH LEAGUE First Divi Harvanen Welsh LEAdur Fest Divi-sion: Abertilery v Nexth (2.30); Bridgend v Laneth (2.30); Newbridge v Ebbw Vale (2.30); Newbridge v Ebbw Vale (2.30); Newbridge v Ebbw Vale (2.30); Second Divi-sion: Coephilly v Maesseg (2.30); Durwant v Abergnon (2.30); Liandovey v Ysradg-ynias (2.30); Portagool v Cross Keys (2.30); South Wates Police v Lianharan (2.30); South Wates Police v Lianharan (2.30); Tentw Int v Recomment (2.30) (2.30); Tenby Utd v Bonymaen (2.30). SRU TEMPENTS SCOTTISH LEAGUE

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INSURANCE CORPORATION IRISH
LEAGUE First Division: Blackrock College
v Old Wesley (2.30); Cork Constitution v
Ballymena (2.30); Larsdowne v Garnyowen
(2.30); Shannon v Old Belvedere (2.30);
Young Munister v St Many's College (2.30).
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Oungarmon v Warnderers (2.30); Malone
v Craetinge (2.30); M Company v Clory

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Basketball BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Leicester v Derby 17.30.; Manchester v Chester (7.30): Hemel v Sheffield (7.30): Thames Valley v London

Speedway PREMIERSHIP First leg: Bradford v East-tourne (7.30). PREMER LEAGUE: Swindon v Covenin, 17.30:.

Other sports MOTORCYCLING: 21031 Superake Champon-ROWING: Boat Race (5.30) River Tracties.

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TOMORROW Football

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE First Division: Durham v Chester-BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND Promier Division: Shamrock Rovers v Athlone (3.15); University College Dublin v Drogne-da (3.15).

EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP: Men

SIX NATIONS INTERNATIONAL TOURN MENT (Paris): Men: Under-18: Scotland v England. Under-18: Scotland v England. Women: Under-18: England v France. Under-16: Germany v England. NATWEST BLACKPOOL FESTIVAL: (10.0-8.0)

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WEYMOUTH FESTIVAL: Women's finel (1.30): Basketball

BLOWEISER LEAGUE: Chester v Thames Va le; (5.0); Doncaster v Burrangham (5.30); Lon-don v Manchester (5.0); Newcastle v Leopards (5.30); Sheffield v Worthing (5.45). Speedway

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Other sports SNOOKER: Snish Open (1.0) /Pt/mouth Paul **SQUASH:** Leekes Balish Open (5,0) (Cardiff). TABLE TENNIS: English Open (Kettering Archese people should remember

Third Division when Kevin took over Newcastle chairman Sir John Hall ager, Kevin Keegan. You know Dennis Wise - he could start a row in an empty

ited, t can't see myself playing.

I've not considered stepping down. Wigan rugby league chair-man Jack Robinson, who has defraud after a police investig

into an alleged bogus transfer deal.

Even today they are taking a for run that fast. So how I got there they have no idea. Ben Johnson. at the 1988 Olympics before being stripped of the gold medal af-



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Budgets substantial enough to buy most of the clubs in the Endsleigh League have been lavished on mini-epics mote the cause of Giggs as it does

Drawing breath was hard ennugh at half-time on Wednesday night as Liverpool and Newcastle exhausted themselves in the scramhle to hand the championship on a plate to Man-chester United. But, despite the need for refreshment, only the foolish would have relinquished their seats in front of the television and disappeared kitchenwards in search of a cup of tea. In have done so would have been to miss the great new attraction of Sky's football coverage: the ad hreak. By chance, over the last fortnight, half a dozen glamorous, glossy and glittering commercials have made their bows on Sky. And they all have one thing

in common: football. Endless hours of creative hrainpower, sufficient footage nf film to envelope Wembley and hudgets substantial enough to huy most nf

have heen expended on mini-epics so astonishing they make Braveheart appear small-time (actually the commercial for the high street tandoori at our local cinema makes Braveheart look unambitinus, but that's another story.) Least effective of the new attractions is the one in which a woman, driven to fury by the manner in which her lover prefers to lavish his attention on a match on the telly rather than her, starts to throw his possessions out of the window. He's finally moved to stop her when she tries to defenestrate his new Puma boots. The plot may be more clichéd than an Alan Shearer half-time analysis.

Better is Coca-Cola's unlikely claim that the entire world is as obsessed by its product as it is by football. The ad works though, if naly

the clubs in the Endsleigh League because cunningly cut actuality footage of speciators around the world reminds those of us used to the game at home being played out in front of silent, polite family audiences that, in Turkey for instance, a vibrant, bouncing, fire-cracking crowd is all part of the spectacle. Such a docu-mentary style is evident in Carlsberg's commercial showcasing the athletic talents of entrants to the company's pub football cup. Not since Danny Baker's much lamented series which hrought us Sunday league games from Hackney Marshes have beer bellies and football been hrought together with such devotion.

And then there's the two new hlockbusters for boots. First off is Nike's surreal update of the old Peter Cook and Dudley Moore sketch in which good took on evil in a representative cricket match (you reJim White



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member it: Adolf Hitler's bowling action should have been reported to Lord's). In the Nike version Maldini, Cantona and Wright defend the beautiful game against a useful looking squad of nasties including Beelzebub, Mephistopheles and Sa-

tan (Roy Keane was clearly busy on the day of filming). Finally there's Reebok's astonishing celeb-fest starring Vic, Bob. Sting, Sir Dickie and the rest all drooling about how they would love to be in Ryan Giggs's boots. Particularly, apparently, if the boots were stuffed in Jimmy Hill's mouth at the time.

This bloom of footie commercials is an unexpected by-product of Sky's Premier stranglehold. With the guar-anteed delivery of a couple of millioo fontball fans, plus the slacker rules regulating advertising on satellite, it becomes worthwhile to spend a bit to lure this captive audience. No point, though, simply running stan-dard sales pitches for the kind of item which might appeal to football fans. The way to the fans' pocket appears to be to hitch your product to the coat-tails of the game itself, to leech

off the increasing glamour of the thing and hope that you become glamorous by association.

And the really odd thing is that

it all becomes circular. A sort of arms race develops among companies seeking to out-do their rivals: spend more, look better by spending more and then tell everyone how much you have spent. A whole marketing strategy - a sort of junior Hollywood hype operation - is based around the cost and scale of the ad. Tabloid back pages become willing accomplices in delivering acres of free publicity about how expensive your new ad is in the weeks before it is unveiled. And of course the matches, crowds and most particularly the players fea-tured in your mega-hudget epic become even more glamourous as a result; the commercial for Reebok. for instance, works as much to pro-

his boots. And as for Eric Cantona, he has become the first footballer ever to have his image entirely created by an advertising agency. Apart from the occasional court appearance, the only public utterances the player makes these days is scripted by the spin doctors at Nike.

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As yet no company has been brave enough to do it, but we will soon reach the stage when an outfit will decide to promote itself via the endorsement of Iain Dowie. With the application of plenty of money, and a wonderfully lit, beautifully directed commercial played out on Sky, he could be positioned in the public imagination as a sexy player and thus the boots he wears be regarded as the ones to be seen in. Well, perhaps not Iain Dowie, but you get my drift.

Rough and ready Oxford possess the will to win

Public sentiment, as expressed in the money placed at the bookies, has it that Cambridge will lift the Beefeater Trophy for the 142nd Boat Race. It is certainly a close call. Cambridge, having won the last three races, and with last year's winning stroke as well as five men who have won the reserves' race against Isis, some by embarrassing margins, were bound to be strong. This was reinforced when the last two seats went to experienced oarsmen, Ethan Ayer and Nick Burfitt.

Hugh Matheson suggests that the Dark Blues can upset the odds today

the coaching team and the internal structure after their years of dominance were ended in 1993. Penny Chuter was hrought in from the national team as chief coach to do the day-to-day training with Daniel Topolski to provide his extraordinary brand of inspiration

THE 142nd BOAT RACE

The Tideway

course

DRH Clegg (Radley, MPC Barnett kersity College, London (Harrogate GS and — and Keble) 13st 12tb Queen's) 13st 8 1/2tb

- DR West (Dutwich College, SI Dawson-Bowling (King's, King's College, London & St. Canterbury and Magdalene) Catherine's College) 1.3st 3lb 1.4st 1.2lb

JW Howeck (Darbmouth College, Concordia Univ and Keble) 13st 4lb

Stroke: ARA Frost Stroke: JFE Ball (King's ..

(Eton College and School, Chester and Oriel) 14st 2 1/2lb Robinson) 1.3st 3lb

Average weight: 13st 12 5/8lb

Cambridge

Oxford have been rebuilding was, however, poor. Two losing Blues were hack and the men coming in from Isis had gone down to a near-record defeat.

The Dark Blues are fortunate that four north Americans arrived in October to beef up a squad with a cluster of British under-23 and junior international medallists. The find of the year has been Adam Frost, at and nous as director of coachstroke. He refused to row uning. The legacy of oarsmen

HAMMERSMITH

(Winchester College and Yrindy) 13st 7 1/2lb

Imperial College and St George's Medical School, and Emmanuel

- E Ayer (Harvard Univ and St Edmunds) 15st 6lb

RM Waller (Emanuel School

Cox: K Whyman (King's Chester and Peterhouse) 8st 1/2lb

til his first-year exams in Politics, Philosophy and Economics were over. He did, however, take a weight training programme from Chuter last Easter, and has put on a stone and a half of muscle since. His value to the crew is, according to the cox, Todd Kristol, as "a thoughtful, intuitive stroke who is more level-headed and con-

sistent than some of the others. Behind him is Paul Berger who stroked the losing trial eight but proved his worth in a tight situation, bringing his crew hack to an eight-foot deficit at the end of the four and a half mile course. The stern pair, combined with the highly assertive cox, Kristol, give a strong lead to a crew which has been well drilled by Chuter. The telling feature is that Oxford look like an older crew than Cambridge do, although the Dark Blues are in fact the junior by an average of four months.

The Cambridge crew are similarly balanced with the stern pair, James Ball and Rob Waller, both under-23 world champions, and winners in all the Olympic pairs trials this winter. The cox, Kevin Whyman, was at school in Chester with Ball - these three are the nerve centre of the crew along with Nick Burfitt, the 29-year-old double Olympian, in the bows. The Cambridge boat have

only ventured two side-by-side matches, with Imperial College and Notts County, and have looked good, particularly against County. The Light Blues have proved their speed off the start - but this is not enough evidence to overturn the suspicion that Oxford, sometimes the more rough and ready of the two, will have the sustainable pace to counter-attack along the course and get in front for the

second half. The crews will be alongside for longer than in most years. It could be a classic and, in the year that True Blue, the film of the 1987 mutiny, opens, it will he Oxford that end up in front

India's Singapore slings and arrows of fortune



Indian star: Sachin Tendulkar sweeps during his hundred in Singapore yesterday but India lost their Singer Cup game by eight wickets after torrential rain reduced Pakistan's original target

BOAT RACE FACTS AND FIGURES

The fastest time to complete the four and a quarter mile course from Putney to Mortlake was 16min 45sec by Oxford in 1984, the ninth of 10 successive wins by the Dark Blues. The only dead heat came on

Bow: E.J Bellamy (Hampton, ... Durham Univ & Keble) 13st 3lb

Hervard Univ and New

College) 13st 5 1/2lb

A Berger (Univ of

ollege) 14st 13 1/2lb

and Univ and Oriel)

(Yale Univ a 15st 1/2lb

24 March 1877. Cambridge sank in 1978 and six years later wrote off their boat

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minutes before the start of the race which led to a 24-hour postponement.

in the race was Oxford's Gavin Stewart at 6ft 81/2 in. Ethan Aver in today's Cambridge crew is only half an inch shorter.

Oxford also provided the heaviest competitor when Chris

The tallest man to participate

Heathcote weighed in at 17st Carole Burton became the first, 51h as part of the successful 1990 crew and the oldest, Donald MacDonald, who was 31

> side 10 years ago. Sue Brown was the boat race's first woman cox in 1981 and celebrated by guiding Oxford to victory. Five years later

and so far only, woman to cox a Cambridge crew to a win. The BBC first broadcasted whan he rowed on the winning

a running commentary in 1927 while, last year, the event was broadcast to 160 countries. Today's domestic live audience will be approximately 10 million.

Promising start for Guildford quickly in action as the Russians der considerable pressure, they held firm, with substitute Gra-BILL COLWILL

Guildford's first European com-petition since they finished a disappointing eighth in The Hague in 1979 got off to a promising start hack in the Dutch capital

3-1 in their opening game in the Cup-Winners' Cup. Guildford's goalkeepercaptain, Kevin Priday, was

opened strongly, having to make a couple of fine reaction saves in the opening minutes, before Guildford took the lead in 22nd minute. A well-placed free hit from player-coach Ian Jennings, out on the right, found Danny Hall moving in to

yesterday when they beat SKA score the opening goal.

Ekaterinhurg, nf Russia, Although Ekaterinburg equalised through their captain, Mikhail Lutiko, at a penalty corner six minutes into the second

half as Guildford were put un-

2.40 HACCOMBE SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS

G) £3,100 added 2m 5f 110yds

ham Cartmell giving them the RAF winger scored after good work down the right by Roger Wall. The discarded Great Britain striker Don Williams ran 75 yards through the Russian defence to score a fine solo goal with just two minutes remain-

ing to complete the scoring.
Scotland's Gordonians were out of luck in their opening ans, Dinamo Sumi, 4-1 with two game, losing I-0 to a 52nd-goals from Tina Cullen.

minute goal from Alberto Marillion for the Soaniards of Valdeluz, Gordonians cause was lead in the 51st minute. The not helped by the temporary suspension of Paul Doney and Andrew Milne late in the game, as the Scots fought back. Host club HDM beat CA de Montrouge.

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the French champions, 2-0. In the Women's A Division, after delays for torrential rain. Hightown came from behind at the interval to beat the Ukraini-

2.20 River Challenge 2.50 Curidy Dale 3.20 MIII O'The Rags 3.50 Drumstick 4.20 Call Home 4.50 North-

GOING: Good to Firm (Firm patches).

Right-hand, undulating circuit. Run-in of 140yd.

Course is on A5 SE of town. Bus service from Northampton milway station. ADMISSION: Members 5112. Taxocrashs 58; Course 54 (Car plus all occupants 5151. CAR PARK: Free.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Nove.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS. Positive Action (3.501 has been sent 228 miles by U Barnes from Little Saliceid, Cumbra.

2.20 NEW NORTHANTS FM NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 3m

2.50 31st YEAR OF THE SCHILIZZI 1906 COMMEMORATIVE CUP (HANDICAP CHASE) (CLASS C) £6,500 added 2m 6f

TETTING: 6-4 Mahops Island, 7-4 Curity Dale, 7-2 HEwalk, 10-1 Stranore, 25-1 Poler Ragion

3.20 PETER SCUDAMORE 200TH WINNER H'CAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £3,000 2m 13-2006 RAGE (18) (D) P Rechers 5 11 13

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BETTING: 5-4 Dr Rocket, 7-4 Drumstick, 5-2 Sartorius, 20-1 Positive Action

4.20 EMPRESS ELIZABETH OF AUSTRIA HUNTER CHASE (CLASS H) £2,000 3m 1f

- 4 deciared -SETTING: 5-4 Call House, 7-4 Herman Hervest, 2-1 Windy Ways, 50-1 New 4.50 GRACE INTERMEDIATE OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £1,550 added 2m

OD PERFEK LARK (3.5) R Lee 8 11.4 SWEET POWEY (3) O Waterns 6 11 4

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1.40 Myblackthorn 2.10 Castia Secret 2.40 Mirage Dancer 3.10 Frogmarch 3.40 Son Of A Gunner 4.10 Plastic Spaceage 4.40 Indian Delight

GOING: Good to Soft (Soft in places).

Left-hand, sharp, course with short run-in.

Course is N of towns on ASSO. Neston Abbot station 1 m. ADMISSION:
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LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Nameste 13.10) & Woodlands Boy (4.10) have been seek 100 miles by R Hood from Lewes, East Sussex.

2.10 ST AUSTELL CLAIMING HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,700 added 3m 3f

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3.10 SOUTH WEST RACING CLUS CHALLENGE TRO-PHY (CLASS C) (HANDICAP HURDLE) £5,000

added 2m 1f

3.40 DARTIMOOR CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,100 added 2m 6f 0P-03P2 ANTHANN (7) U Poe 6 12 0.
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043221 ITS GRAND (9) J Bradley 7 10 2 - 12 de Minimum weight: 10st. True handicap weights: Mr. Tadd 9st 12th, Bengares 9st 3th, Sur See Spirit 9st CR. BETTING: 5-2 Advananc, 7-2 Miss Nosey Outs, 5-1 Stao-Politaith, Son of A Gun-ner, 12-1 Sharp Pean, Win A Hand, its Grand, 20-1 others 4.10 TOUCH OF SPRING HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,150 added 3m 2f 110yds PS4130 DIAMOND FORT (35) (D) J McConn 63U111 ALLO GEORGE (15) (CD) A Newcombe 10 10 12

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4.40 DARTMOOR MAIDEN OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £1,550 added 2m 1f BLAZING DOVE (14) R Proc 5 11 6

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FLAULY WOOD (21) Ms H Perrot 5 11 6

MULLINTUR (24) R Rowe 5 11 6

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GREG WOOD

If you spot a besuited figure with a serious expression in the hackground at Kempton today, that will be the local trading standards officer, ready to pounce if anyone describes one of the three-year-old events as a Classic trial. In theory, the Masaka Stakes, for fillies, and the Easter Stakes are the first steps on a road which leads to Newmarket on Guineas weekend, four weeks from now. In at two. practice, they are a chance for clever trainers to win a Listed event with a second-rater before the serious animals appear.

1.30: DOUBLE ECLIPSE, who developed into a smart stayer last year, finishing third to Further Flight in the Group 3 Jockey Club Cup at Newmarket on his final start, should make short work of today's rivals if

2.00: PENNY A DAY, in good form over hurdles this winter and a creditable 91/2 tengths third to Juyush in the Doncaster Shield 81 the Lincoln meeting, can concede

O'Clock Jump, managed just two more victories in 10 outings started at 50-1 and then a List-ed race at Newbury, at odds of aged to overlook. as they slipped rapidly into obscurity. In fact, the apparently insignificant Durante Stakes threw up a much more polished performer, in John Gosden's Presenting, but this too will surely prove to be the exception rather than the rule.

Just four of the field for the Masaka still hold the 1,000 Guineas entry, and these include the ever-optimistic Clive Brittain's Miss Universal, who was unsighted on both her starts

One runner at least, however, is her stable's No 1 hope for Classic success, for the simple reason that she is their only Between them, last year's hope. Sil Sila won both her starts winners, Subya and Two at two, a maiden when she

25-1. She was overlooked by punters on each occasion simply because Bryan Smart, who prepares Sil Sila at a small yard in Lambourn, is not the sort of

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Penny A Day (Haydock 2.00) NB: Elshabiba (Kempton 4.15)

trainer who is supposed to have good Flat horses.

Like many other handlers who do not enjoy the patronage of the Maktoum brothers, though. Smart is more than capable of getting the best from a usefut horse which the

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QUEEN ELIZABETH HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,650 added 3YO 6f Penalty Value £5,427

PASSION FOR LIFE ran brilliantly from a bad draw when favourize at Doncaster on the open-ing day, finishing third to Little Noggins (who was well drawn), beaten half a length and a neck. This time it is Passion For Life who has been lucky in the draw. With a 3to advantage, he should turn around the Yown Moor running and should again take care of Ed's Folly and Weisth Moontaks, who finished ninth and tenth of 18. Selection: PASSION FOR LIFE

3.15 MASAKA STAKES (CLASS A) (Listed Race) £17,000 CA added 3YO fillies 1m Penalty Value £12,388

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4915: NAVAL HUNTER, who looked much-improved when landing

Gran Criterium in Milan in No vember, is proven at this trip and should make a useful three-year-old.

cently, is fairly handicapped.

distance the day's most inter- of Blandford in amateur events.

esting event from a punting Sil Sila is available at 40-1 for point of view. A surprising the 1,000 Guineas, and Tamnia, number of the 18 runners are runner-up in the Group One not certain to see out the trip Moyglare Stud Stakes tast year, and others have not shown will provide a stem test of her their hest form for months or Classic credentials. John Duneven years, while River Keen, lop's filly is likely to start among the market leaders today, but Sil three times a winner on the allweather this winter, never runs Sila (3.15) has surprised backnearly so well on turf. Proton will find supporters

ers before and can do so again. Line Dancer, another to finish second in Group One company as a juvenile, is the obvious form choice in the Easter Stakes, but the tess exposed Wood Magic (4.15) makes more appeal. David Loder, his trainer, was all but unbeatable in the early months of last season.

The Queen's Prize Handicap, over two miles, is by some admirably for the Marchioness Stakes.

4.15: LINE DANCER, two lengths third to the subsequent Royal Lodge Stakes winner Mons in the Listed Washington Singer Stakes over sev-en furlongs at Newbury to Angust before finishing 21/4 lengths second to Glory Of Dancer to the Group 1 HAYDOCK

HYPERION 1.30 Double Edipse 2.00 Penny A Day (nb)

3.00 Hammerstein 3.30 Roman Gold 4.00 Spondulicks

2.30 Kumucu GOING: Good

With the excellent claimer

Matthew Henry now taking

hold of the reins, he has an ont-

standing chance this afternoon

and is a tempting 20-1 with Lad-

A stayer at a rather shorter

price will be Double Eclipse

(1.30) in the opener at Haydock,

mality before Double Trigger's

full brother moves on to more

serious matters in the season's

Ont On A Promise (next best 2.00) will enjoy the step

under a penalty, Westconrt Magic (2.30), who is ideally

suited by the minimum trip,

top marathon events.

ly winner is at the other end of up to 12 furlongs, while even

miles well and has been running should take the Field Marshal

QUEEN'S PRIZE - 10-YEAR-TALE

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STALLS: 71 & 2m inside: rest - outside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5f to 6f; Low from 7f30yd to 1m40yd... Aimost flat, oval course; straight 6f course.

Rececourse is near junction of A580 and M6. Newton railway station is two miles away, ADMISSION: County Stand 5.15; Tattersalls 59; Newton Stand 5.4 (OAPa hab-price in Tattersalls and Newton Stand). CAR PARK: Free...

■ LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS. J Denlog = 28 winners from 94 conners at a ratio of 24.5% giving a return to a 51 level stake of +518.77; J Gooden = 21 witners. 86 runners, 24.4%, +\$4.67; H Ceefl - 19 winners, 53 runners, 35.8%, +\$15.41; B HHBs - 14 winners, 54 runners, 21.5%, -\$0.44; J Berry - 14 winners, 163 runners, 8.35%, -\$96.92; M Stoute - 13 winners, 61 runners, 21.3%, -\$17.74; E Hollinshead - 13 winners, 140 runners, 8.55%, -\$40.90.

men, 140 rumars, 2.50%, 240.50.

LEADING JOCKETS: W Ryan – 30 winners, 137 rides, 21.9 +532.13; J Carroll – 18 winners, 169 rides, 11.2%, -524.6; Pat Eddery – 17 winners, 56 rides, 30.4%, +511.80; K Darley – 17 winners, 130 rides, 13.1%, -51.02; M Hills – 16 winners, 76 rides, 21.1%, +512.23; M Roberts – 16 winners, 70 rides, 23.4%, +57.21.

RUNKERED FOR THE PIEST TOME: Ashik (3.00). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Kristal's Paradise (1.30), Taipan (2.00) & Samim (3.30) sen 238 miles from J Dunlop's Arundel, West Sussex, stable.

1.30 BNFL INSIDE STORIES STAKES (CLASS B) BRC1: £12,150 added 2m 45yds £7,405

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Double Trigger won the Saigaro at Smooth first time up last season and his brother DOUBILE ECLIPSE faces an easier test for his first start as a four-year-old. He could not be
taufted with his runs against the older stayers last season and should gallop these mats
into submission under Fitnike Detton. Twice beaten a neck, by Stelvio in the Queen's
Vase and by stablemate Double Trigger in the Goodwood Cup, he gained a deserved win
in the Lonsdale at York before fathering against Further Flight in Newmarket's Jockey Club
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Cup. Old Rouwel was an unitudity loser against Further Flight in this race last year when
denied a clear run a furlong our. Twice behind Double Eclipse will have Improved
from three to four, Kristah's Paradise is interesting in this class. She finished last season with a run in a Group 3 in Italy. A progressive handicapper, she started her winning
run on this course in July with an easy win from Executive Design. And the colt (Daraydan) who beat her at Newmarket in October put up a good effort against Juyush at Doncastar's opening fixture.

2	2.00	BNFL MEDLOCK LINKS HANDICAP (CLASS C) ERCER £7,650 added 1m 4f £5,167
		PERRY A DAY (14) (CD) (I Good) Mrs LI Revoley 6 10 0
	01/0420-	TAPAN (200) (Lord Susything) J Dunlop 4 9 9 Dettori 8
	411006-	LOMBRARDIC (USA) (193) (CD) (Boruspoot) Mrs J Ceci 5 9 9 T Ives 7
	022103-	OUT ON A PROMISE (170) (Paul Green) N Walker 4 9 4 C Retter 4
		THALMANAH (225) (D) (W Clifford) D Williams 4 9 4
		VAUGRENEER (16) (D) (Non Targien) R Hannon 4 8 11
		TESSAIDE (168) (D) (Riey Partnersho) M Corractio 4 8 4

BETTING: 2-1 Penny A Day, 4-1 Talpan, 5-1 Lombardic, 6-1 Vaugrenier, 7-1 Tessajoe, 8-1 Out On A Promise, 10-1 Theliansis 1995: No corresponding race

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Vasignessian and Lombandic have both displayed front-numming tacties, so the race will be set up for TESSAIDE with his low weight, At his best on fast ground and with four whis to his name last season, Tessajoe is fanced to swoop for enother success. Unludy when fifth (beaten only a length) to Thatjanah at Ropon last May, Tessajoe went on to reverse fifth (beaten only a length) to Thaljamah at Room last May, Tessape went on to reverse the form with Top Lady (second) on 9th worse terms on the same course in July, Thaljanah has his first run since being gelded and being bought out of Alec Stewart's stable for 25,000gms. He could be best watched today and is poorly handicapped with Vaugrener on Epsom running in July, Vaugrenier is similar to stablemate and Lincoln winner Stone Rudge in that he won his maiden at Brighton. That Epsom second to High Flying Adored he is now 4th better with Thaljanah (last of lour) – was a good effort and a warm-up outing at Doncaster will have put an edge on him. Talpan is the type to van races this term after missing out last season when lightly raced. The closest he came was on the good ground on this course when a botting second to Romeos and that winner frushed his campaign with a fine second to Quandary in a hol handicap at Ascot. Penny A Day would not want the ground to get any faster. An unbeaten handler and third to Julyash at Doncaster, he put up a cracking effort to win last yeer's Zetland Gold Cup at Redcar without a previous run. On unsuitably fast ground in handicaps afterwards, Penny A Day is back racing off his Redcar mark, but the 10st is stall officially. Lombardic will like the testish conditions and returns to the scene of his alt-the-vay van from Daghlef in the Old Newton Cup. He best Guide Path in a little race of York effectivations and remans well handicapped. Like Thaljanah, Out On A Provision has changed stables, being sold out of Gehas changed stables, being sold out of Ge-Dai Williams. Selection: TESSAIDE.

2.30 ENFL FIELD MARSHAL STAKES (CLASS A) BBC1 (Listed) £18,000 added 3YO 5f £12,137

- G declared BETTING: 5-2 Kusucu, 3-1 Westcourt Magic, 4-1 Repertory, 5-1 Music Gold, 6-1 Prioce Asia 7-1 Eastern Prophets 1996: Mind Games 3 9 4 J Carroll evians (J Berryl 5 ran

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of Wage's stable for 46,000grs to join Da Williams.

Mick Easterby has been in line form over the last couple of months and Stolen lives wan a competitive handleap at Newcastle 11 days ago on her first start of the season. The stable's WESTCOURT MAGIC is favoured in this bight affort, the son of Emeral having his stable's WESTCOURT MAGEC is favoured in this tight affoir, the son of Ernerati having his first start since being gelded. Such a progressive juverile – his winning this first start since being gelded. Such a progressive juverile – his winning this start since being gelded. Such a progressive juverile – his winning the Comwalls at Ascot, but still finished ahead of Kunucu and Eastern Prophets. That was the third time he had beaten Eastern Prophets, the first time coming in a Beverley hussery when he was getting 24th, Kunucu did not give her true hurining at Ascot (hampered at the start) and is best judged on her previous length-second to Westcourt Magic in the Hony Roschery at Ayr. Now meeting Westcourt Magic on 7th better terms, Kunucu must have every chance – and her stable has been houng first-time-up winners recently. Repertory is another to have been gelded, He has always been well regarded, but suffered muscle problems officer crussing home from Autobabble at Salisbury in May. It would come as no surprise to see him burn up the ground from his draw next to the stands side rail, Music Gold widbled on the fast ground when touched off by Polly Golghity in a Doncaster nursery at the backend. Bit O'Gorman rates him highly and the colt was unfurely at Ling field prior to the York win. Prince Astia found his Ideal opening at Epsom last June and leid prior to the York wm. Primee Asia found his ideal opening at Epsom last June and

3.00 BNFL CRIME CONQUEST MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) added 3YO 7f 30yds £3,648			CLASS D) £5,100	
	1		AIRBORNE HARRIS IG G Astroni A Bakey 9 0	
ı	2	00-	ALITME HIDEAWAY (176) (Ms Mary Bresim) 8 Haribury 9 0	
1	3		ARCH ENEMY (P O Savill U Chennon 9 0	K Darley 4
1	4	00-	ASHIK (194) (Ray Bailey) L Berratt 9 0	L Charnock 12
1	5	0-	BACKWOODS (155) (P R Kirly W Brisbourne 8 0	
-	6		CRABBIE'S PRODE (Turks Head Recing Club) A Bailey 9 D	D Wilder (3) 11
	7	424	HAMMERSTEIN (196) (Shekiri Moltammed) LI Stoute 9 0	
	8	56-	HAUTE CURSING (295) (Paris House Gournets) J Berry 9 0	
	9		HERODIAN (USA) (170) (Hesmonds Stud) J Gosden 8 O	
	10		MUSTANG (192) (Guy Reed) C Thornton 9 0	
i	11		PHILOSOPHER (155) (Michael Kelly (New Jerseyl) R Harmon 91	
	12		KATIMUERA (127) (Russell Bradley) W Elsey 8 9	

	[3	3.30	SUCCEEDING THROUGH SCIENCE RATED HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,650 added 3YO 1m 2f 120yds
	1	5204-	WARRING RESF (238) (P.J. Sheehan) LI Channon 9 7
	Ž	221-	HOUSE OF RICHES (196) (Shekn Mohammed) L Cuman 9 6 L Debtor 4
ı	2	124-210	QUALITY (16) (D) (N S Yorg) W O'Gorman 9
	4		ROMAN GOLD (138) (George E K Teol 6 Harmon 9 2
	5		SAMM (USA) (16) (Hemdan Al Makeoum) 1 Dunkop 9 2
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ч	ty.	10-1 Warn	ing Roof
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4.00 BNFL BRASS AND MALE VOICE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2YO 5f £2,933 SENATE SWINGS (Cornetot Roong) W Mur 8 7
WEET A BIT (Ed Weetman (Hautage & Storaga) Littl 6 Holimshead 8 7
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= 5 DECEMBER 7-4 Sponduikcia, 4-1 Artec Traveller, 11-2 Weet A BB, 8-1 Sonate Swings, 6-1 Classic Partygoer, 10-1 Absolutely Abstone, C-Harry, 14-1 Champages On Ice, 20-1 Lacybods 1995: Passon For Life 2 8 T M Hills 2-1 (G Lews) 17:21





HYPERION'S

3.45 Chief's Song

4.15 Line Dancer

2.30: KUNUCU, hampered before finishing 71/4 lengths (ourth to Mubhij in Ascot's Group 3 Comwallis Stakes last October, may turn the ta-bles on second-placed Westcourt

3.15: ANTHELIA, who stayed on well to finish 13/4 lengths third to Blue Iris in the Regear Two-Year-Old Trophy over six furlongs last Oc-tober, is bred (by Distant Relative) 10 he suited by this trip.

3.45: CRIEF'S SONG, who has been in good form over hurdles this winter, notably wheo winning the William Hill Handicap Hurdle st Sandown in November, is potentially capable of much better than he has shown on the Flat so far.

simply because he is trained by

Reg Akehurst, who won this race last year with Wishing, but

this season's candidate surely

has too much weight. The like-

the list, where STALLED (nap

3.45) is set to carry just 7st 11lb.

Peter Walwyn's gelding stays two

CHIEF'S SONG finished only 10th of 20 to Always Aloof in the corresponding race 12 months ago but races off a 15to lower mark this time. With the strong lightweight, Immry Quinn booked and in a visor for the first time, Simon Dow's stylear-old has every chance. He was pulled up in the early stages of the County Hundle last time but won the highly competitive William Hill Handcap Hundle at Sundown in December, having previously beatra 8-11 chance by Putty Road times lengths at Cheitanham, while he ran third behind Amancio and Silver Groom in the Imperial Cup. Chief's Song is 17to better in with Lallindi, who finished fifth in this a year ago and has a 9to entertage with Upper Mount Clair, who was last, My selection was giving Staffied 22to when they finished ninth and 10th of 17 to Smugging at Sandown almost a year ago and they meet at levels today. And he is 17to better in with Sandown almost a year ago and they meet at levels today. And he is 17to better in with Sandown with Sandown III spee Mount Clair, foucunte at Doncaster (2m 2ft two weeks ago for the race he won lost season, finished fourth to Shadirwan, beaten more then 13 lengths, with Sea Freedom firm a first-time visor today fifth, Lalindi severith, Salaman 14th and Torich Vert 18th of 20, Salaman, who chelled up four wins in 1995, will have come on as a result of the Town Moor run and may prove the pich of the quents this time. The Shadirwan yard of Reg Alichurst is represented by Proton, who won the Moet & Chandon Silver Magnum at Epsom (1m4h) last August but was unpleased in both subsequent starts, could pose a threat if he least out the longer journey, River Keen, who comes here fighting fit from a Wolverhampton all-weether win last morth, and Seasonal Splendour, who has been hurding may do best of the others depite their help weights.

Salections CHIEF'S SONG

4	.15	EASTER STAKES (CLASS A) (Listed) £17,000 added 370 colts & geldings 1m Penalty Value £11,981
1	111040	GOTHERENG (177) (Brian Yeardley Continental Ltd) M Johnston 8 11
2	545131	BELIEVE ME (162) (C) (D) (Bruce Adams) R Hannon 8 8
3	1623	BULLFINCH (162) (Robert Cooper) P Wathryn 8 8
4	10-	CENTRE STALLS (170) (Anthony Pye-Jeany) R Johnson Houghton & 8
5	213106-	DANKESTON (USA) (150) (Luciano Gauce) M Bell 8 8
6	21.	ELSHABBA (USA) (161) (Hamdan Al Maksoumi J Dunlop 88
7	022145	HERRY THE FIFTH (127) (D) (A.J. Rachards) C British 8.8
8	1232	LINE DANCER (150) (Adem Gumey) W. larvs 88
9	12	
10	411-	WOOD MAGIC (199) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Lover 8 8
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Stalls, 10-1 Dankeston, Gothenberg, 12-1 Heary The Fifth, Regi-1995: Two O'Clock Jump 3 8 8 Pat Eddery 15-1 (R Hannon) 10 ran FORM GUIDE

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The 2,000 Guineas outsider EUSHABIBA has wintered well and con start his second season on the high note. John Dunlop's Dayur cott suffered sore shins when a 4-5 chance and heaten three-quanters of a length by Tambid on his introduction at Ascott in July. He was not seen again until October and, despite the absence, landed the race at Newmarket confined to two and three-year-olds that John Dunlop specialises in - rurang on strongly to best Laafee by a length. This longer trip will suit. Lime Dancer went in first time out lest term and ran well on his three other outings, winding up with a second to Glory of Dancer in a Group One race at San Siro - Dantieston sont of nine. Event so, Wood Mingto may be the biggest threat. David Loder's runner got off the mark on the sand its Southwell at odds of 2-5 in September and ran on strongly to justify favouritism at Chester the same month, deleating Heavy The Fifth (3th worse off) two and a half lengths. Believe Me mastered Buttlingh a neck at York last October and is 4 lip better in than when he beat the same rival nearly two lengths into that at Newmarket on his final appearance. Regiment helps from Last year's winning stable but has a bit ta find on uwenile form.

4	.45	MIDDLESEX HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,000 added 3YO 1m 1f Penalty Value £5,784	C4
1		KREVINE (285) (Shekh Mohammed) L Cumars 9 7	
2		ALBAHA (USA) (176) (Hamdan Al Maktourn) R Armstrong 9 7	
ā	221010-	AL SHAFA (188) (Prince A A Fasse) J Dunlop 91	Owing 1
4	03051	D'NAM (152) (Adel M Almoji) W Haggas 8 11	M Hills 13
5		DOMEREY (21) (D) (Lady Rothschild) R Charleon 8 10	
8		CLEMENTE (1.72) (Potent P Beshart) R Hannon 8 7Dane O'n	
7		NAME HUNTER (USA) (19) (LA Hooper) P Hous 86	
è	44474	TROJAN RISK (161) Um McCarthy) G Lews 8 4	elon (3) 5
ĕ		EAGLE CANYON (16) (Careon W Lane Just 8 Hanbury 8.3	
		GOODWOOD ROCKET (188) (Goodwood Racehorse Owners) J Dunico 8 2	
		MISTER ASPECTO (5) (Aspecto Clothing Co Ltd) M Johnston 8 1 (5cd	
12		CLASSIC BALLET (FR) (156) (Classic Boodstick Pic) S Williams 8 0 A	
13		BESLATOR (200) (P Richardson) G Balding 7 13	
		ASKING FOR KINGS (12) (Mrs G R Smith) 5 Dow 7 10	
		URGENT SWIFT (173) (L Rust) A Janes 7 10	

force 3 8 11 R Hughes 20-1 (M Charmoni 17 ran FORM GLADE

Mister Aspecto has been in cracking form at all-weather meetings and may defy the 5th penalty incurred for Monday's Southwell success. However, preference is for DOMBEY. Roger Chariton's runner, a creditable fourth of a big field behind Astor Place on his debut at Newmber but a disappointing fourth of sk to Circled at Haydock the folk month, was having his first race since when scoring by 10 lengths in an auction mader race at Wolverhampton last month. There should be better to come from this Dominion cott. Navel Hunter, another Southwell scorer last month, and Goodwood Roelert, favounte when a three-length second to Queen's insignta in a Goodwood nursary at the and of September but without a race since, appeal most of the others.

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HYPERION L45 Rude Awakening 2.15 Tria Kemata 2.45 GREEN BARRIES (nap) 4.45 Naval Hunter 3.15 Anthelia

GOING: Good. STALLS: Straight - far side; Im If - outside; rest - maide. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for of and of.

Right-hand course. Separate straight course for 5f and 6f races. Practically flat. Run-in of 200yd.

in of 200yd.

Rececourse is on A308 at Sunbury. Bus link from Richmond Underground station. Kempton Perk railway station adjoins course. ADMISSION: Club £16, Juniors (16 to 25-year-olds) £12; Grandstand £10; Silver Ring £5. Accompanied children under-16 free. Parking: Members ear park £5 (Birtled and must be pre-booked), Centre car park free. CAR PARK; Members £2; remainder, free. SIS

■ LEADING TEAINERS WITH RUNNERS; 2 Hanaon = 31 winners from 257 runners at a ruto of 12.1% giving a return to a \$1 level stake of -\$17.38; J Dunlop = 16 striners, 118 runners, 13.4% -\$10.27; R Chariton = 12 winners, 64 numers, 22.2%, +\$17.48; J Gooden = 12 winners, 64 numers, 13.1%, -\$7.59; H Thomson Jones = (0 winners, 43 numers, 23.3%, +\$30.80; J Fanshawe = 10 winners, 55 numers, (8.2%, +\$31.19.

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LEADING JOCKETS: Pat Eddery - 30 wmners, 185 rides, 19.5%, +235.37; T Qninn - 25 wmners, 196 rides, 14.3%, .530.30; L Dettori - 21 winners, 157 rides, 13.4%, .519.54; W Carson - 15 winners, 147 rides, 10.9%, .546.57; R Cochrame - 16 winners, 158 rides, 10.1%, .510.58; M Roberts - 15 winners, 147 rides, 12.2%, .548.30, BLINKERED FOR THE FIRST TIME: Chief's Song (3.45); Eagle Canyon (4.45). WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS; Mister Aspecto (4.45) wur at Southwell on Monthy, LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS; Groen Barries (2.45), Mister Aspecto (4.5) & Gothenburg (4.65) sent 245 miles from M Johnston's Middleham stable in North Yorkshire.

1.45 EBF REDFERN MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added

5	2YO 5f Penalty Value £3,474
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	MASTERSTROKE (N 8 Artemborough) 8 Mechan 9 D
	REBURCE (R F Johnson Houghton) R Johnson Houghton 9 0
	RUDE AWAKENING (David Barker) G Lewis 9 0Pat Editory
5	DON'T FORGET SHOKA (16) (Mrs Victoria Goodman) J Moore 8 9
	DOWNY (Cheveley Pan Studi 6 Harmon 8 9

BETTIME: 7-4 Rude Anchecking, 5-2 Dowry, 4-1 Rebuie, 8-1 Missberstroke, 10-1 Bayekord, 12-1 Count-less Times, 16-1 others FORM GUIDE

Richard Hannon won this with Sharp N Early (1988), Lavel Xing (1990) and Pips Pinde (1992) and this time fields Downy, a daughter of linst-season size Rudimenatary and out of a mare into won over time furiongs at two and is half-state to high-class Majestic Prince. However, this may go to another of Rudimenaty produce in RUDE AWAKENING, representing the Gooff Lews-Pat Eddey combination which stuck with Billio at Ungfield on Thursday, A 42,000 gris yearing, he is out of a good winner-producing mare in Final Call who had a useful two-year-old last term in the same stable's Anotheranniversary.

Selection: RUDE AWAKENING

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TRIA KEMATA can concede weight all round. The son of Kns and Rubblesdale heroine Third Watch fulfilled earlier promise when he made all at Lencester in September on his fourth attempt, windring up with a third of four behind Believe Me and Buffinch at York in October, bearen only a neck and half a length. Prince Of My Heart, may be the danger. Barry Hills's charge struck form at York on his penultimate stant, defeating Racing Post Trophy fourth terms a length and three-quarters with a su-length gap to the third. He probably found the ground too fast when last of six to West-A-Munitre at Portierfact on his final staff. Madeim Steinlein, a stablemate of Prince Of My Heart, finished five lengths clear of the third when a bio-length numer-up behind Babrida at Newmarket in October on the last of only three outlings and is open to improvement.

2.15 DURANTE STAKES (CLASS C) £7,650 added 310 1m 2f Penalty Value £4,583

Pernot Jungle, winner of a Redcer maiden in August, later won at Haydock only to be de-moted and she was runner-up three times, including when beaten threequarters of a length by Bint Salsobil in the Rocklel Stakes at Newmanket and the same margin by Blue Tuama

by Birt Salsobil in the Rockled Stakes at Newmarket and the same margin by Blue Tuama in a Listed prize at the Cepannelle. Yaminta went in at Haydock (melden) and Sandown (Listed) last July, while she was fourth behind Blushing Glearn in the Pra. the Calvados at Deauville and beatien three pens of a length by Priory Belle in the Moyglare Stud Stakes at the Curragh. ANTHELIA can beat them both. She won her first two recess at two, at Pontefract (Sh In July and at Yammouth (Sh In September, She improved to finish third of 22 behind Blue ins in the senturiong Reckar Two-Year-Old Trophy in October on her only other attempt, staying on strongly. Stil Site, who won at Warwick and decisively in Listed company at Newbury last October, and Sea Spray, who won her immoduction over seven furlongs of this track in September and may have been unsuited by the ground when unplaced in the Group 1 Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp, can also figure. Selection: ATHENA

3.45 QUEEN'S PRIZE HANDICAP (CLASS C) £12,000 added C4 1460DO- SEASONAL SPLENDOUR (170) (D A Johnson) M Pipe 8 10 0....

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3	022100-	PROTON (154) (The Person War Partnership) R Alienust 697	S Sanders 1
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5	324355-	CYPRESS AVENUE (166) (CT Spencer-Philips) R Hennon 488	
6	42/000-3	GOLDEN ARROW (18) (C) (Paul Mellon) Balding 5 9 4	_C Scudder (7) 1
7		TORCH VERT (15) (Paul Green) N Walter 4 9 2	J Stack (3) 1
8	6/06540-	TYPHOON ENGRY (196) Machael Sui 8 Hills 4 9 0	
9	00550-0	WARM SPELL (Rd) (K Higgor) G L Moore 8 9 D	S Whitworth :
10			Pat Eddery
11			S Drowne (3) 11
12		ALDE LA BELLE (FR) (12) (CD) (Mrs Vol Regions) S Knett 8 8 3	A McGlone 1
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14		UPPER MOUNT CLAIR (15) (D) (MF) (C E Bratam) C Britism 68 0	B Doyle
			J F Eenn '
		CHIEF'S SONG (190) (Mrs Ange Devine) S Dow 6 7 11.	Outon 13
		STALLED (16) (0) (Mrs PT Walnyo) P Walnyo 6 7 11	
		DURHAM (10) (The Secret Partnership) R Sympson 5 7 10.	F Norton 1

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3.35 CUMMERSDALE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,750 added 2m 4f 110yds

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UF0652 WILLS TELMAR (28) M Todhurter 8 11 7 M Dwyer
061000 VAL DE RAMA (15) Denys Smith 7 10 10 B Harding (3)
071.P = 0 TOPFORMER (42) (D) F Wasson 9 10 0 D Bentley
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4.05 BRACKENRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £3,800 added 2m 4f 110yds

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9		SPIRELYD THOUGHT (USA) (67) C Panier 5 10 7B Storey	
9		RACHAEL'S DAWN (42) J L Spe 6 10 4O Pees	
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PLUMPTON HYPERION 2.25 Childhay Chocolate 2.55 Mister Blake 3.25 Smiling Chief 3.55 Matamoros 4.25 Dear

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Left-hand, undulating course with abarp bends. Tricky downhill fence in hack strught. Uphill run-in of 200yds.

Course is off AC75 south of Haywards Heath. Plumpton railway amon adjoins course. ADMISSION: Members \$1.0; Testersalls 58; Course \$4. CAR PARK: \$4 (centre of course) & \$1.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN HAYES None.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Reefa's MII (3.55) has been sent to the course of the course of the centre of

LONG-DISTANCE EUNNEER: Recfa's Mill (3.55) has been sent 162 miles by J Neville from Newport, Gwent; K C's Dancer (2.25) sent 135 miles by R Deich from Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshiro; Toddling Inn (2.25), Take A Flyer (2.55) & Smiling Chief (3.25) sent 135 miles by R Bodges from Cherkon Adam, Somerset; Childhay Chocolate sent (39 miles by P Nicholfs from Ditchest, Somerset; Knockswerry (3.25) sent 117 miles by M Wilkinson from Edgeote, Northamptonshire; Aydisam (3.55) sent 113 miles by G Bravery from Newmarket, Suffolic Fifth Fusilitier (3.25) sent 113 miles have a Embidience from Newmarket Suffolic Star Admin (3.55). by Mess A Embiricos from Newmarket, Suffolk; Star And sent 113 miles by Mrs D Hame from Newmarket, Suffolk.

2.25 EUROP ASSISTANCE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £3,600 added 3m 1f 110yds

	2	2.55	AMERICAN EXPRESS FOREIGN EX- CHANGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELL- ING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,450 added 2m 1f
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3.25 GEORGINA NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2m 5f 3210F5 LUCKY DOLLAR (3) K Balley B 11 2 ______ A P MicCoy
P TELLAPORITY (15) Mes K George 7 11 2 _____ J R Kennnagh
2-P5084 NRKAROO (13) J Ning 1D 10 11 _____ M A Pitzgerald

SETTIMS: 7-4 Knockswerry, 11-4 Smiling Chief, 7-2 Lucky Dollar, 6-1 Miss-roo, 12-1 Fifth Fusiller, Tellaporky

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		(CLASS E) £3,000 added 4YO 2m 1f
		AYDISUN (25) G Bravery 10 12T Kent
1		BON VOYAGE (22) D Gressel 10 12 R Kawanagh
	0	CULTURAL ICON (83) P Muchel 10 12 A P McCoy
		MATAMOROS (12) G Harwood 10 12M A Filogerald
	000	MONUMENT (73) J King 10 12T Descombe (3)
	900	MORE BULS (31) A Moore 10 12 M Batchelor (7)
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	04	WATER HAZARD (130) S Dow 10 12 A Diction
		ZUNO FLYER A Moore 10 12L Aspail (5)
0		FARMER'S TERN (12) P Buder 10 7
1	D	OUR LITTLE LADY (147) J Pouton 10 7
2		ROOKERY GIRL Mrs E Heath 10 7
3	P	STAR ANISE (49) Mrs D Harre 10 7 B Fortion (3)
		- 13 declared -
		Bon Voyage, 4-1 Fermar's Torn, 7-1 Matamoros, 6-1 Cul-
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4	4.25	SINGER & FRIEDLANDER HANDI CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 added 22	CA m 2
1	211424	DEAR DO (11) (D) (BF) N Henderson 9 12 0, M A Fitz	die:
2	(JOOP1F	WHEPPERS DELIGHT (19) (C) G Charles-Jones 8 11.9	
3	03-5061	BELAFONTE (17) Mss K George 9 11 5 J 6 Kee	
4	PP1/PP	N THE ZONE (19) Mrs L Richards 11 10 13	PH
5	PPP4P	VOOKA FEZZ (35) (D) R Rowe 11 10 7	ď
6	D6443P	UPWARD SURGE (4) 6 Leager 6 10 D Mrs N I	ed

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4	.55	NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,4 added 2m 4f	00
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stal, 11-4 Lord Rooble, 7-2 Chieftain's Cros

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> WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None. LONG-DESTANCE RUNNERS: Pacific War (5.06) & Explore Mondial (1.05) sent 1.25 miles from T Dyer's inventowne stable in Tayside. 2.05 BORDER GARDEN CENTRE NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 added 3m

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Sellars steps out of the shadows

Glenn Moore meets the Bolton midfield man relishing a return to the limelight

his is the man who left Blackburn just as the dream was beginning; this is the man who joined Leeds just as they embarked on the worst title defence in 30 years; this is the man who left Newcastle when they were top of the League to join Bolton, who were bottom.

Bolton took one point from the next 18. It could be said that, when it comes to his moves off the pitch, timing is not one of Scott Sellars' strong points.
Sellars admits he may have

made bad decisions in his career, and, after that start at Bolton, wondered if his December transfer was another one. Now, however, as Wanderers attempt to continue their remarkable escape bid at Everton today, he is glad he moved. Not even Newcastle's stunning match at Anfield, which was the talk of training at Bolton on Thurs-

day, could change his mind.
"I didn't think 'I could be playing in that' because I wouldn't have heen," he admaked in the restaurant at Burnden Park. "People say to me 'what did you leave Newcastle for? but they don't realise I wasn't playing for the first team - that's why I left."

In doing so Sellars was go-ing against the trend. With the increase in squads and wages at the big clubs there are plenty of experienced players in the stiffs. Until recently Liverpool had the most notable collection with Paul Stewart, Nigel Clough, Mark Walters and Jan Molby on the books but off the team sheet.

The problem at certain clubs is that the wages are so big no one can match them," Sellars said, "It is very difficult for players to take a £3,000-a-week drop. At Liverpool I would think the wages are exceptional.

"For me, I want to play. I was in the reserves at Newcastle and it was driving me crazy. We played at Gateshead on Monday nights. It's an athletics stadium so there was no atmosphere. I was playing with Philippe Albert. Paul Kitson, Marc Hottiger and Pavel Smicek and we all had the same problem. We couldn't get our heads round

'It was all right if we hadn't had a game for two or three weeks, I would be ready to play, but when it was week in. week out it was so hard to get yourself going. I wasn't en-



Scott Sellars: 'I think the lads thought that if you went out and played you would win but it is more difficult than that'

joying it. You get kids of 17, 18, wanting to kick you. They're try-ing to prove a point, make their mark in their career and you can accept that, but they're getting on your nerves, you're getting kicked all over the place. The standard is never the same as the first team. I came in for a couple of first-team games and it took me until halftime to adjust to the pace. I felt exhausted.

"I had already been out with injury for a year. I'd sat there for all the games, wishing the lads all the best, and it looked like I was set for another year of that. With respect to myself, I wasn't likely to get into the

team ahead of David Ginola. "It was hardest on Saturdays, when the manager named the team and you were 15th or 16th man. I found that really difficult. You've trained all week, you're fully fit and you're raring to go. Kevin Keegan never sation as well as the ability. I names the team until quarter think the lads thought if you to two so you're all on tenter- went out and played you would hooks. Then he does - and win but it's more difficult than

you're not involved. I'm not a young man any more [he is 30] and it got too difficult. When Bolton came in, Kevin left the decision to me

"After the first few weeks I did wonder what I had done. I had come from a club where you went out expecting to win to a club where you were hoping to win. My confidence suffered. There is nothing worse than getting beat every week. however well or badly you play - and confidence is everything

As last week's fightback against Manchester City elusive quality, with four wins in seven matches. The turning point, perversely, was the 6-0 home defeat to Manchester United. "We hit rock bottom then. It was a realisation of what you need to be a good team the work-rate and the organi-

that in the Premier League. We had a chat where a few home truths were said and the result was a change in formation. We out one stilker up and gave Sasa Curcic a free role. It has really beloed us. It has made us a lot more solid at the back."

'After the first few weeks I did wonder what I had done. My confidence suffered'

When Sellars first arrived, Bolton had two managers, Roy McFarland and Colin Todd. "I found it a funny situation. You never really knew who was manager. In football you always know where the authority lies and it was difficult with two

that," There was no such doubt at Newcastle, or Blackburn or Leeds, each of whom had disfinctive managers. In his second spell at Leeds an excess of mid-fielders led to Howard Wilkinson selling him - he admits he. found Wilkinson "hard to get to know" - but there is nothing but admiration for Kenny

Dalglish and Keegan.

"Kevin is the best remarker I have played under for manmanagement and getting the most out of his players. He really made you feel like you were a good player. Kenny was deeptactically, more likely to change things for different matches. Kevin put the onus on . the players. He bought good players with good football hrains and let them get on with it. We never practised any set-pieces. He just said: 'You are good players, go out and do it'. But he would see things at half-

a lot of freedom. Training was just took off." Yet, no sooner football."

people. I think everyone found - brilliant. I got more out of that than playing for the reserves.

"Kenny is great with players.

People have this perception of this as door but with the players he is totally different, always having a laugh. I always felt he was taking the pressure off the players. He knows his football ioo. When he came the impact was incredible. We had heard rumours but we thought: 'Oh yes, he's packed it in at Liverpool and he's going to come to Blackhurn with crowds of 10.000. Then he walked into the changing-room with Ray Harford the Saturday morning of the Plymouth game and the lads were gobsmacked. We

couldn't believe it. "He gave everyone a lift. The fans always had this belief that the cluh didn't want to go up, that they were happy being fifth or sixth in the First Division. Kenny's arrival gave everyone belief that the club did want time. It was really enjoyable, he to go up. Then Jack Walker became the main man and the club

to Leeds, where he had started as an apprentice, and who were "Looking back, leaving

Photograph: Simon Wilkinson

had they landed in the Premier

Blackburn was a bad idea. I didn't think it through enough. I went because I was disappointed at the way I was being treated by Blackburn over a new contract. They were only offering two years, I wanted longer. With hindsight I can understand their view - I had never played in the top division.

"I could see Blackburn going places but Leeds had just won the championship, they were in the European Cup, they had been my first club and I wanted to prove they were wrong to sell me when I was young. It looked good. But I cannot look hack with too much disappointment - they transferred me to Newcastle. where I probably had the most enjoyable time of my career. That was a great place to play

Charlton nerves exploited by Luton

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TREVOR HAYLETT

Charlton Athletic

As the manager of Charlton, Lennie Lawrence had waited a long time to return to The Valley and when he finally made it, now in charge of Luton, it was every bit as good as he hoped it would be. At least it was for 70 minutes before his former club contrived a fortuitous equaliser yesterday.

The Charlton supporters. warm in their appreciation, still remember him with affection though they will be cursing Lawrence if Luton are found to have been the stumbling block on which their attempt to annexe one of the two automatic promotion places came to grief.

Indeed, Chariton were lucky

to prise a single point from a nerve-ridden, untidy affair, a harshly awarded penalty giving Bradley Allen the chance to score his first goal at The Valley following his £400,000 move from Queen's Park Rangers. After the defeat by Leicester the wasting of another home opportunity promises to be costly.

Luton needed to win just as badly with the games remaining for them to embellish Lawrence's reputation as the master escapologist diminishing. For an hour their football contained an element of composure that Chariton sorely lacked.

The visitors took the lead on 23 minutes with a goal engineered by the player whose departure from Charlton last week provided the means to fund Allen's arrival. Having initially lost the ball, Kim Grant was then gifted possession again. by Jamie Stuart and immediately saw the possibilities with Tony Thorpe striding away in

space.
Thorpe was allowed a clear run hut his shot, hit firmly across Andy Petterson. appeared to be travelling fractionally wide when Richard Rufus, in a despairing attempt to rescue the situation turned the hall over the line.

With Lee Bowyer searching for form and Ian Feuer a commanding presence, Charlton, in front of a sell-out 14,000-plus crowd, their higgest in the League this season, were left wondering where they could make inroads, even accounting for Allen's superior touches.

After Grant had lashed a promising opening wide they at last began to make progress and on the hour. John Robinson found room for a left-wing cross which struck Steve Davies On the arm. The penalty clearly distracted the Luton defender who was nearly punished a second time when he put Bowyer through for an instinctive finish

that Feuer did well to keep out. Late on, Luton were rescued by a post after Paul Linger's shot had fizzed through. That would have put Charlton in better heart for their next two games. against Sunderland and Derby. but the play-offs look the limit of their amhiuons.

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"We started very hrightly, hut didn't get the early goal we needed to settle us down." Alan Curbishley, the Charlton manager, said.

The whole place is getting too anxious - the players and the crowd. With such a young side, perhaps we're running before we can walk as a football club."

Charlton Athletic (4-4-2): Petterson: Brown, Rufus, C.Whyte, Stuar (Linger, 51): Robson, Bowyer (D.Whyte, 75), Jones, Robinson; Allen, Leaburn, Substitute not used: Batmer. Luton Town (4-4-2): Feuer, Alexander, Davis, Patterson, Thomas; Thompe (Tomin-son, 21), Waddock, Harvey (Johnson, 75), Genchev; Grant (Dakes, 77), Willonson. Referee: a Burns (Scarborough).

Celtic seek inspiration against old rivals

For any team in Scotland to win winners at Hampden tomorrow Tommy Burns, the Celtic man- David McKinney a trophy these days, the accepted wisdom is that they must first heat Rangers. That is the task awaiting Celtic as they prepare for their Tennents Scot-tish Cup semi-final against their greatest rivals tomorrow.

Celtic approach the game as the holders of the famous trophy, but in the knowledge that they have failed to record a win over Rangers in five games so far this season. The two have heen neck and neck in one of the most exciting championship races for many years and, while many see this as the final before the final, Aberdeen and Hearts have enough confidence in their own ability to suggest that the

will have to work hard to become the eventual cup holders.

The Old Firm game domi-nates the weekend, with Celtic facing the prospect of finishing empty-handed in a year when they have turned the clock back to produce performances reminiscent of their glory days in the 1960s. Last Monday, they demolished Aberdeen 5-0, a result which sent shock waves through the Scottish football scene and, while the circumstances of the season demand that Celtic must now hope the Dons can do them a favour by taking league points from Rangers, as preparation for a tense semi-final the match

ager,
"The greatest confidence boost any team can get is to beat a quality side like Aberdeen by five goals and to play as well as we did," he said. "There has been little to choose between ourselves and Rangers this season and, while we will do our utmost in the game, we might also need a hit of luck. We are well aware that this is Celtic Foothali Club and our supporters turn up to be entertained - and also to see us win."

Burns will again look to the resurgent midfield play of Peter

on the weekend's

ed, that Grant would be his

Scottish Cup the best football of his career. So much so, Burns has indicat-

choice as Player of the Year. Nevertheless, the key to victory for Celtic will be in creating chances, something they have failed to do in several of their games against Rangers this season. Rangers will await a fitness test on Richard Gough,

a giant step towards the league and Cup double with a victory. The league title would be the

most important prize for both sides," Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, said, "hut at the same time both will obviously want to win this one. We won't worry about Celtic's win over Aberdeen because we will concentrate on our own game and on causing them problems."

If Celtic supporters recognise the necessity of heating Rangers to lift a trophy, the players of Hearts have a different hattle to fight - against Grant, who has emerged from their captain, before deciding self-doubt - against Aberdeen the dark shadows of Celtic's bar-their line-up and, with a five-at Hampden today. Five recent self-douht - against Aberdeen

St Mirren. Jim Jefferies, the Hearts manager, this week looked for evidence that things could be different this time.

"We are slight underdogs for Saturday, which will suit us, he said. "There's a big thing being made of this game because we are desperate to win the Cup for the first time in 40 years, but if we play as well as we can we will cause Aberdeen problems. I would disregard their defeat by Celtic because it will make them more determined to do well at Hampden."

For John Robertson and Gary Mackay, the game represents a final opportunity to get within

still to recover from harmstring injuries, so 18-year-old Jackson has been lined up as cover.

Republic of tretand fulf-back Pheten has a harmstring injury, so Minto is set to return to the Chelsea side, With Mark Hughes suspanded, Furlong is likely to win a recall up front, while Romanian International Patrescu is available again after a one-match ben. Southgate has been ruled out for four users with a kneer malor on Structure.

weeks with a knee injury, so Staunton is set to deputiee for Villa, who have Johnson back in comention after a knee injury and Joachim available

Covertry manager Atkinson has in-uries to defenders Shaw and Burrows, so he has delayed naming his side-for a match which could have a big say in the Sky Blues' but to escape.

relegation. Picketing and Busst are likely to deputise. Liverpool manag-er Evens will have to reshuttle his line.

up with Wright injured and Ruddock starting a two-match ban. Hardness, who substituted for Wright in the 4-3 win over Newcastle, is set to

Coventry v Liverpool

Chelson v Aston VIIIa

Arsenal v Leeds

Rangers know they would take some to apparently inferior touching distance of silverware a giant step towards the league opposition such as Airdrie and while Edinburgh hopes will rest mainly on the liberal sprinkling of quality youth at the club. Aberdeen will welcome hack

Stewart McKimmie from injury with Roy Aitken, their manager, commenting: "It's all about how we perform on the day and Monday night's defeat is the last thing on my mind.
"We are the only undefeat-

ed Cup team in the country, having won eight ties, and now we are looking for nine. "My side will show their

character at Hampden and this game is going to be all about ability and character - and that is something we have shown that

was a good one - according to ren seasons to produce some of point lead in the league, semi-finals have been lost, The Lowryesque Meadow Lane was never full enough for toilets to overflow

It was the late spring of 1964 and Notts County had just been relegated, after a disastrous season, to the Fourth Division, as it then was. I remember it well because there was a club-owned house two doors down from us, in genteel suburbia, and its occupant, centre-half Alex Gibson, used to come in for a chat, gave me his match programmes and used our telephone. Lowerdivision footballers could not then afford the luxuries of voice

"Nobody will go to watch them now they've been relegated," I proudly told my fam-"Shush," said my mother, "Alec's on the phone, he'll hear you." So it was with Notts County in the mid-1960s, the silence of despair.

Unless, of course, you were my history teacher, who used to bellow from a quiet Spion Kop: "Come on County, you're

supposed to be highly paid professional entertainers." Wrong on all counts, but it kept the crowd amused, at least for

County then were primarily a home-grown side, lads from the city, from Carlton and from Eastwood providing the core of the team. Occasionally, there was an import, like Jim Raynor was an import, like Jim Raynor (goodness, he had played for Peterborough), George Hannah (well past his sell-by date), Mike Barber (always injured, part of his QPR background, I suppose), and Terry Bly (from Cryentry) None settled proposed. Coventry). None settled properly, pigs out of muck.

But we did have Alex: a tower of strength in the middle of the defence, a one-club man from Auchinieck; a transient from one coal-mining area to another. I still have the postcards he sent as he went back home to his roots. We also had, in our Third

FAN'S EYE VIEW No 144 **Notts County**

Division glory days, Tony Hate-ley (from Derby) and Jeff Astle (Eastwood), but bright Birmingham lights distracted them and took them away, both gone by the 1965-66 season. Meadow Lane in the earlier

1960s was almost Lowryesque in its features. Never full enough for the toilets to overflow, always quiet enough for my history teacher 10 be heard. Yet that famed gable end over the stand, "Notts County Football Club. Founded 1862", gave a satisfying glimpse of past glories. We were rotten, but at least we were old.

No glory then, no expensive signings, just good park football players. My dad used to bet, by postal order, with a hotel owner in Paignton on the results of the County-Torquay United matches. He normally paid be-

Once, when such things were permissible, if not enand paued Jim Raynor on the hack. "Well played, Mr Raynor." He ignored me, but heroes, however substandard; a different world. Now the ground and its

cause we normally lost.

ioved. I ran on to the pitch at the end of a meaningless game "Mr Raynor"? Deference to

stands form a pattern of yellows, blacks and whites. The years of progress in the later 1970s and early 1980s, the years of Chiedozie, Masson and McCulloch, briefly took Coun-ty into the wide world of the First Division, and then hack down again. No long-serving players then, little trawling of the local leagues. Notts County truly belong in the 1960s. That is where the heart is; a small club with a dedi-

cated following. A timewarp content to shuttle between the lower divisions. After all, in Nottingham, there are not too many people who openly admit

to supporting County.
I'm no different, I transferred my allegiance to Forest when Alex Gibson retired. Mind you, he was good. Unlike me, though, he was County

TEAM NEWS

continue in defence, while Matteo looks Biely to be recalled in place of Arsenal v Lieds
With skipper Adams still recovering from knee surgery. Marshalf continues to deputitie in an unchanged Arsenal team. Twenty-goel leading soorer Wright ricket his back in the 2-0 win over Newcastle, but is fit to take his place. For Leads, leading scorer Yeboah is ruled out by a knee problem, while South African defender Radebe faces a lete test on a similar injury. Dorigo and Worthington have still to recover from hamstring injuries, **Everton** v Bolton

Anide injuries have sidelined Everton strikers Stuart and Rideout while de-fender Short serves a one-match ban, but midfielder Parkinson will return while Ebbrell has recovered from his ankle problem. Botton, who are sight without the injured Taggart, Bransgarr and Todd, have added strikers Blake and Taylor to their squad land with moonthic feforation equities. along with recent defensive acquisi-tion Small.

Man City v Man Utd Minus City v Man Utol
United skipper Bruce and full-back
Invin are both expected to be fit to
naturn after injury. Both face late tests.
City manager Ball has still to decide
whether to plunge new Georgian signing kevelastivili into the heat of battie-for his debut after his £1.4m
signing from Russian champlons
Spartak Viadikavkaz. Talented
teenege winger Philips has been drafted into the squad.

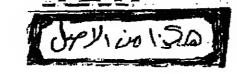
Newcastie v QPR England defender Howey is ruled our by a hamistring injury, so Peacock is likely to return. Like striker Ferdinand, he will be keen to impress against his did club. Experienced midfield man Barker is suspended, so manager Williams will be forced to change the Daide which defeated Southampton 340-last weekend.

Notten Forest v Tottenham Distand midfielder Stone, who scored at the winner when the sides met at

White Hart Lane in October, has not cruiseo root and is raised a doubthin starter. Woon, dropped for last week's defeat at Wimbledon, is set to return. Two which arm are nopeful winger Fox will recover from a sprained ankle, but cen-tre-backs Malbutt and Calderwood are still out, while Walker and Sinton are doubtful with a virus. Former England youth goalkeeper Day could make his

noton v Blackburn Southenapton v Blackburn
Saints striker Watson is possed to return after missing the lest two matches through suspension in place of
Tisclate. Defender Halt is fit after being ruled out for the the last three
igames with a call injury. Blackburn
are hopeful 34-goal Shearer will return after a groin injury to face his
old club, but midfielder Bohinen is
still struggling with an Achilles injury. still struggling with an Achilles injury, which has kept him out since Feb-nuary, and centre-half Hendry com-pletes a two-match ban.

West Ham y Wimblede est Ham will probably field Pr west ham will probably field. Por-taguese youngster Dani up front for only the second time tiscause Cot-tee and Romanian international Du-mitrescu are ruled out. With Potts suspended and Moncur still out through injury, manager Rectinapp does not have too many options. Leading scorer Holdsworth may start the match for the Done after scor-ing as a substitute in the win over ing as a substitute in the win over Forest, but Norwegan international mise the rest of the season with deriv-aged anide ligaments.



Wednesday not out of trouble yet

Britons

JOHN DOUGRAY Middlesbrough Sheffield Wednesday

After a tedious first half that must have sent Sky television viewers to sleep, this game sprang to life after the interval with a much-improved Middlesbrough scoring a convincing win to end any lingering relegation worries hut heaping problems on an uninspiring Wednesday, who are still too near the bottom of the Premiership for comfort.

Wednesday, whose need to win was greater than Middlesbrough's, made a lively start, a shade too much so on the part of John Sheridan, who was cautioned for an illegal challenge on Graham Kavanagh.

A neat huild-up by Marc Degryse and David Hirst gave Guy Whittingham a distant view of goal and he was not far off the target with rasping dri-

Chris Freestone, making his first senior start after an impressive scoring run in the Middlesbrough reserves, scorned an early chance to celebrate, shooting straight at Kevin Pressman when he had the whole goal to aim at. However, when you make your Premiership dehut alongside the famous Brazilian Juninho, chances are bound to come your way. The new partnership certainly looks promis-

However, with half an hour gone there had been precious little to excite the Middleshrough supporters until Juninho found Jan Age Fjortoft just outside the penalty area. The Norwegian struck a fierce, low shot which was smartly turned

Sop Blatter, the general secre-

tary of Fifa, the governing body of world football, gave his per-

sonal backing vesterday to Kevin

Keegan's football philosophy.

The Newcastle manager has

reiterated his faith in the value

of attacking football despite the

After their fourth defeat in

the past six Premiership outings.

which left them three points be-

hind Manchester United, Kee-

gan said: "We'll carry on playing

aligned Fifa with the Newcas-

tle manager. Blatter said: "I

have been greatly impressed by

In a fax to Keegan, Blatter

4-3 defeat at Liverpool.

this way, or I go."

around the near post by Press-

There was an equally im-pressive effort by Kavanagh that whistled narrowly past the same post with the keeper scrambling along his line this

Seven minutes into the sec-ond half Middlesbrough took the lead after their midfielder Rohhie Mustoe injected some much-needed urgency into the game. He ran purposefully at the Wednesday defence before setting up Juninho for a shot that Pressman blocked but only into the path of Fjortoft, who

Within a minute Wednesday had equalised, a 30-yard effort from Pembridge taking a deflection off Derek Whyte to wrongfoot the Middlesbrough

On the hour Middlesbrough made a substitution, Craig Hignett replacing the injured Kavanagh. Shortly afterwards, Middleshrough regained the lead when Fjortoft crisply found the net from the edge of the area for his second goal while Wednesday appealed in vain for The Wednesday defence was

by now looking very shaky and they conceded a third goal when a Middleshrough corner was headed on by Fjortoft at the near post to give Freestone the opportunity to ram the ball into the net on his first Premiership start. The home fans went wild with delight.

commitment to attacking foot-ball, and your comments also

about the referee's right to

with comments such as these."

make human errors.

Saints add more misery to Wigan's week

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

St Helens

A mortifying week for Wigan ended with the greatest torment of all as they were well-beaten by the neighbours on whom they have inflicted so much misery.

Saints shrugged off a dread-ful start at Knowsley Road yes-"Please allow me on behalf of Fifa, and of all those who beterday when it seemed that so much recent history was destined lieve in the spirit of fair play, to to be repeated. They eventually outclassed Wigan decisively, commend you for the positive disappointment of Wednesday's attitude you bring to our game even if their victory was not clinched until the last 10 minutes.

quadruple-bogey at the ninth. He hit his drive into the

woods and played out sideways

but when he reached the green

realised he had played the wrong

ball and incurred a penalty stroke. The Ryder Cup captain

then went back into the woods.

found the correct ball and three-

Although the 19-year-old winger, Danny Arnold, ran in a Blatter added that he believed Keegan's dignified rehat-trick of tries, making it sponse to defeat in such a crucial game exemplified all that Fifa seven in two games since the launch of Super League, and Bohhie Goulding made a would want to see, and was a model for the world as a whole. major contribution by getting on top of Shaun Edwards, Saints' ■ The French league agreed yesterday to remove all restricoutstanding player was the Austions on European Union playtralian, Derek McVey, playing his first full match for the club. ers from next season in the wake your remarks regarding your of the Bosman case.

the repair work after a slipshod St Helens had conceded early tries to Terry O'Connor and Va'aiga Tuigamala, a onehanded pass out of the tackle giving Arnold his first try.

A suspiciously forward pass from O'Connor to Andy Farrell set up Martin Hall for a try which seemed to put Wigan back in control at 16-4, but that sparked a Saints backlash that brought them 22 points without reply.

Warrington made it two

spirited Workington before run-

ning out 45-30 winners. They led by only 18-12 at half-

time and it took two intercep-

tion tries midway through the

second half to put them clear.

The first came from Warring-

ton's substitute. Richard

Three deaths

at start of

Safari Rally

Three mechanics were drowned

on yesterday's first day of the

world championship Safari Rally.

Super League victories out of score and four minutes later

two yesterday but they made Darren Carter's pass was in-

hard work of overcoming a tercepted by Toa Kohe-Love, spirited Workington before run-who went 60 yards for a try.

SPORTING DIGEST

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Athletics

Raseball

McVey's driving run set up the position from which Karle have foundered in the past, Hammood and Scott Gibbs put but they were in no mood to let Arnold over ooce more;

Stopped in his tracks: Wigan's Henry Paul is collared by Chris Joynt (left) and Karle Hammond of St Helens at Knowsley Road vesterday

When McVey, looking an inspired signing from the Sydney ligers, got his pass away again for Keiron Cunningham to score, Saints were only two points behind at half-time and would have been ahead if it had not been for two of Goulding's

It is on fine margins like that

Henare, who raced 50 yards to

Kohe-Love rounded off a fine

full debut three minutes from

time when he crossed for his

ton added a further try by Mark Forster while Lee Chilton and

In a frantic finish, Warring-

Wigan off the hook yesterday. In the third quarter of the

match, they drew level through Goulding's penalty and took the lead for the first time when Ian Pickavance charged straight through Henry Paul.

When McVey and Cunningham conjured up a third try for Arnold and Goulding chipped in with a drop goal, Wigan

Logan Campbell crossed for

Halifax Bluesox slipped to

their second defeat in two

Super League outings with their

34-22 loss at Oldham. They

also had their prop Paul Ander-

son dismissed a minute before

half-time for a high tackle on

Workington.

that so many of Saints' hopes seemed finished, but hack they Martyn, back after almost a year came through Roh Smyth, an early substitute for the injured Martin Offiah. Goulding's penalty edged

Saints further ahead but a second try for Hall, given on video evidence, and Paul's conversion had Wigan lurking just three points in arrears.

Saints kept their nerve, snatching the crucial try when Kris Radlinski lost Goulding's

Kohe-Love intercepts Town's challenge

tries from Darren Abram - his

second - and Martin Crompton.

The scrum-half had a hand in

most of Oldham's six tries and

he was well supported by man

out injured, to score. Wigan's disarray summed up when Andy

Northey ran through Edwards' attempted tackle in injury time. "Wîgan will bounce hack," Shaun McRae, Saints' coach, said. "There will be a pay-hack from them, so we aren't getting carried away."

Wigan's Graeme West refused to blame the distraction of having two directors arrested in midweek for his side's failure. You can't use that as an excuse. They are professional players and they should not be worrying about anything else," he said. An 22-10, but on a bone-hard pitch extra worry for Wigan, however, Halifax drew level with two is Offiah, who was having X-rays tries in six minutes by their on his back last night and looks diminutive scrum-half Craig doubtful for the match against Warrington on Monday. Oldham came back with late

St Helens: Prescott: Amold, Gibbs, Newtove, Sullivar: Hammond, Goulding: Perehn, Cun-ningern, Togeny, Joynt, McVey, Northey, Sub-stitutes: Martyn, Matausa, Morlay, Polawance.

Romania let Astafei iump for Germany

Athletics

Romania agreed to allow Alina Astafei, the Romanian-born . vorld indoor high jump chamnon, to compere for her adoptnd country. Germany, at the Dlympic Games after a 4-3 vote of the Romania's National Manpic Committee yesterday.

The two countries had been regotiating for months on the sue with Romania demanding ompensation for the money it pent developing the 26-yearld's talent but that appeared) have been dropped. "During ie talks there was no reference financial or other compenution," Lia Manoliu, presient of the committee, said. Astafei moved to Germany in

193 but was banned from comating for three years by Roanian officials who were orried that more athletes The Romanians cut short

ie ban and Astafei won the orld indoor title in March 195 in her first appearance in erman colours after receiving л леw passport.

Last month, Astafei regained e European indoor title in ockholm that she had won in 189 jumping for Romania. m regulations prevented stafei from competing st lympic level within three years taking new citizenship with-It the agreement of the Roanian Olympic Committee. Last week the Romanian 20rts minister. Alexandru lironov, said his country had ent about £450,000 "to create top medallist", and that Gershould pay Romania to impensate for Astafei's loss. The committee also voteo to low 1995 world amateur boxg champion. Zoltan Lunca, ld the handball player Emil-Luca to compete for Gerany in the Atlanta Olympics.

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Montgomerie leads Europeans

Fifa commend Keegan

The Europeans made little impact against the home contingent in Thursday's opening round of the BellSouth Classic in Marietta, Georgia, with Colin Montgomerie heading the visitors but he lies five shots off the pace. The Scot, runner-up in last week's Players' Championship and playing his final event prior to The Masters at Augusta, shot a one-under-par 71.

Ian Woosnam, the 1991 Masters champion, was one further adrift while the Czech-born Alexander Cejka, now a German citizen, shot a 77 on his American debut. Seve Ballesteros. who withdrew during the Play-ers' Championship first round last week because of a back injury, continued his poor run of form with a 78 that included a

FOOTBALL RESULTS

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Second Division

The trio were killed when their putted for an eight. The ioint leaders are Corey Land Rover support vehicle was washed away by a flash flood as Pavin, Jim Gallagher and John Wilson on 66 with Russ they tried to negotiate a river

Cochran and Neal Lancaster a Crossing. stroke further adrift. Pavin had The accident happened near birdies at the last three holes Ole Kejiado, about 65 kilomewhile Gallagher hit an eagle at tres south of the raily's Nairothe par-five 18th after bitting a bi headquarters.

Kenya's traditional Easter three-iron second shot to eight event has a notorious reputation "I didn't get off to a great start," Pavin said, "but I got up and down a few times and just for suddeo changes in the weather. Tracks and bone-dry hung in there and things started to fall into place."

river beds have been known to fill in seconds as storms herald the start of the rainy season. Tropical storms have already cut more than 200km from the near-3,000km test, which finshes tomorrow.

Eriksson.

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Praccot 1. 0
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Sweden's Kenneth Eriksson ained a narrow first-day lead in his works Subaru. He battled the heavy rain, electrical trouble and fierce opposition from Mitsubishi driver Tommi Makinen to gain a 27-second advantage. Colin McRae, the world champion, finished third, 82 seconds behind his team-mate

Leigh (10) 24, Swiston (28) 48, Leight Trice Bol., Daniel, HB, NeCoghan, Verinor: Gooks Witamen 2, Swiston: Trice Ashoot, 2, Proc-Jones 2, Briefs, Cannon, Carning, Ridey, Roacht Gooks Brieff 5, (1,983)

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TODAY'S NUMBER

David Bradbury. Oldham looked to have the game sewn up when they led of the match, Paul Atcheson.

Barney Ewell, a tormer world 100 me-tres record holder and three-times Olympic medallist, has died, aged 78. Ewell won an Olympic gold in 1948 as part of the US 400m relay team and silver in the 100m and 200m.

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and I Presson (Essen) 15-5 15-10. Worsen's singles: T Gross; (Sussen) bt J Mart (Mandels) 11-5
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(Larnes) bt J Davies (Lines) and E Christin (Susrey) 15-12-55. Missed doubles: S Anter (Moss)
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BIJOWEISER LEAGUE (Thans): Newcastle Cornets 98 (Patierson 32, Saunders 20, Vourti-ous 18) Evide Manchester Gants 108 (Robin-son 38, Ellott 22, Williams 12).

Vincent today.

Hugh Davies, the Glamorgan chairman, has survived an attempt to oust him from the post and has been re-elected for

Phil Sammons, the West Indies batsman, has been fined 10 per cent of his match fee for "attempting to intended to the unper when appealing for a leg before wicket decision" in the fourth one-day international against New Zealand on Wednesday Stromons leans his riven. Wadnesday, Simmons keeps his place in West Indies squad for the final game of the series, which is level 2-2, in St

31,500

The capacity crowd expected at the San Jose State University's Spartan Stadium for the opening US Major League Soccer game between San Jose Clash and Washington DC United today. The match has been sold out since last Finday.

WEST INDIES 13 (Fifth one-day match v New Zouland, St Vincent, today): C A Wath (capt), S C Wilsons, Strumene Chandepast, 2 C Lera, P V Semmons, J C Adams, R I Holder, P A Wal-lece, R A Herper, C D Browne, L R Wilsons, C E Ambrose, I Bisthor.

Pakistan best India by eight wickets in chasing a reduced target of 187 in their rain-affected Singer Cup match yesterday and will play Sr Lanka in the final tomorrow, each going through on net run-rate, after both teams and India had one win in two games at the triangular event. SANGER CUP (Singapore): India 225 for 8 147.1 overs; S Tendulkar 100); Palustan 190 for 2 (28 overs; Aarnir Sohai 78no, Seed An-war 74). Paldistan win by 8 wickets.

Italy's Marco Pantani, who is still re-covering from an hontific crash last Oc-tober, has extended his contract with

Football

Football
Mark Bowen, the 32-year-old Weish international defender, has been given a free transfer by Norwich City.

THURSDAY'S LATE RESKLTS: European Cup-Winders' Cup Semi-finats first leg: 0 La Courin 0 Paris SG 1; Feyendord 1 Rapid Vienna 1. German League: Uerdingen 2 (Leanis) 2.1; Passiack 60) Kartschie 3 (Rech 49, Hässier 71, Dundee 66); Kagestslatten 0 Schalte D: VIB Sturtigan 1 (Elber 25) Hensa Rostock 1 (Alpoboré 62), Beaster Homes League Premier Division: Rushden & Damonds (P34, Pt; 76); 2 Histonoma's D Dorchester 1. Leading positions: 1 Rushden & Damonds (P34, Pt; 76); 2 Histonoma's Dorchester 1. Leading positions: 1 Rushden & Damonds (P34, Pt; 76); 2 Histonoma's Aylectory Und 0 Dulwich Hensick 3; Carshatton Atthetic 0 Harrow Borough 1. Thats Division: Hensich Town 0 Areley 2. Interfirit Express: Midland Allieroe: Rushatt Olympot 0 Hendisy Arthete 0, Pondins League First Division: Blectoum Rovers 2 Dorty Courty 2; Newcastle 2 Transmere 4; Notis County 0 Man Und 1.

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T Todes; G Soucer; J Imman; F Lektler, 70 D
Forsmen; O Prunt; S McCamon; T Kite; S
Bertscn; G Brotz, Selected: 71.C Montgromete
(GS); S Keppfer (GS); O Frest (SA), 72 I Woosnam (GS); C Parry (Aus.), 73 B Ogle (Aus.); W
Grady (Aus.); S Lyte (GS), 74 S Torrance (GS);
L Parsons (Aus.), 75 I Baise-Finch (Aus.); C Roca (It; E Ets (SA), 77 A Ceyta (Ger), 78 S Aopieby (Aus.); S Batesteros (So); S Rantoul (Aus.),

Hockey Hockey
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Surmy (Like) 1. SUM NATIONS YOUTH INTERNATIONALS (Parls) Men Under-18's: Scotland 1 Germany 3. Under-16's: Scotland 3 Spun 2: Germany 1 England 2: France 2 Netherlands 4. Women Under-18's: Span 4 Scotland 0. Under-18's:

Ice hockey NHL: Boston 3 Montreal 3; New Jersey D Hart-ford 1; Philadelphia 4 NY Rangers 2; Pittsburgh 4 Washington 2; St Louis 1 Toronto 3; San Jose S Edmonton 3.

Motorcycling
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27.064se; 2 Michael Doohan (Aus) Honda
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1.30.340; 3 Tessuya Harada (Japan) Yamaha 1.30.730; 4 Nobustsu Aok (Japan) Honda
1.30.993; 5 Or Jacque (Fr) Honda
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SAFARI RALLY (Neirobi, Kenya) First day
leading placings (second round of the world
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Mrsubshi Lancer + 27: 3 C McRae (ES) Subaru impreze + 1:22sec: 4 | Duncan (Ken) Toyota Celca 2:38; 5 C Sanz (Spi Ford Escort
8:38.

Rugby League STONES SUPER LEAGUE (Thanwley): London Broncos (16) 38 Paris St-Germain (6) 22, Broncos Tries McRee 2, Tolen 2, Dyneuro, Mcyer, Paul; Goale Barwich 4, Dyneuor. Paris: Tyles Borneth, Carvello, Ramondou, Turner; Goals Tornelles 3, (9,638).

Rugby Union EUROPEAN CUP PLAY-OFF: Glasgow District 13 North & Midlands 21 (at Meggelland). CLUB MATCHES: Creation 1.1 Dishampton 22; St Day 10 Stribium 50. Cancellad: hybridge v Plymouth; Reducth Quina v Bodman; St. Agnes v Truro Scris fl 8; Wadebridge v Newquey.

Snooker SRITISH OPEN (Plymouth) Second round:
M. Johnston-Allen (Eng) to A Hamilton (Eng) 5-4;
F O'Bren (Rep of Iri) bt. J White (Eng) 5-3; K
Doherty (Rep of Iri) bt. Hidde (Eng) 5-4. Third
round: O Hatold (Eng) tr. M. Johnston-Allen (Eng)
5-2; J Higgins (Sco) bt. S Lee (Eng) 5-3; N Bond
(Eng) to S Handry (Sco) 5-4; P Endon (Eng)
bt A McManus (Sco) 5-1.

Speedway Speciariay
PREMIER LEAGUE: London 56 (K Tatum 15,
L Adams 13, P Humy 12, J Larsen 10) Inswich
40 (C Louis 10); Middlesbrough 63 (M Dinon
13, S Perker 12, D Walsh 12) Sheffield 33 (S
Ermotenso 12, G Stead 9); Oxford 51 (7 Topinite 12, B Brite! 10, M Cox 10) Perarborough
45 U Chump 12, R Sulfivan 12; Ipswich 52
(C Louis 15, J Doncaster 11) London 44 (L
Adams 11, P Humy 11, K Tatum 10).

ASSETS PORTINA Water Book 46 (C Beaus)

EASTER TROPHY first leg: Poole 46 (C Boyce 16, L Gunnested 15) Exeter 49 (M Summonds

12. P Thorp 11). Squash

LEPKES BRITISH OPEN (Cardiff) Men's singles, second round: P Gregory (Gr) bt A Gough (Walt 15-8 15-11 15-10; Jansher khan (Pak) (Notal 15-8 15-11 15-10: Jansher Man (Pél) bit Zarak Jahran (Pak) 15-7 15-10 15-11. Quantar-Mandler R Eyles (Mus) bit A Hill (Aus) 15-10 15-9 15-7: B Nathan (Aus) it A Hill (Aus) 15-10 15-9 15-7: B Nathan (Reg) bit V Cardwell (Aus) 91-95-9-6; F Geaves, Engl bit R Macrae (Eng. 95-9-0-9-0; C Ouers (Aus) bit 1 March (Notal 99-9-9-2-2-5 Practical (Aus) bit 5 March (Aus) bit 5 Horner (Eng. 9-6-9-19-3, J March (Eng. bit 1 Avang (Aus) bit 5 Horner (Eng. 9-6-9-9-7-9-2. **Table tennis**

Pattries Learning
Men's singles qualifying groups: A Peny (Eng.
11-15; F Trustel (Canl bt A Eden (Eng. 19-21
21-17 21-17 15-21 21-13; P Gless (Eng. 1s.
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21-17: Shury Scot) bt L Thormon (Eng. 21-15: 11-21: 21-16: 21-19: N Williams (Wal) bt T Towns (Fig. 21-16: 21-19: N Williams (Wal) bt T Towns (Fig. 21-16: 18-21: 21-11: 26-24:) Gejic (Swel) bt D Tools (Fig.) 21-18: 21-18: 21-16: 21-16: 21-16: 21-18: C Gleis (Fig.) bt E Soan (Soo) 21-18: 22-24: 21-3: 21-5: K Andersson (Swel) M. Thorson (Swel)

Euro/Africa Zone, Group One, second round: (Dubrovnik, Cros) Croate lead Ulrame 1-0. (Heisinid) Romana lead Finland 2-0. (Tel Anvi) Span lead Israel 2-0. (Casabianca) Monaca and Zmbabwe level 1-1.

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Asia/Ocasnia zone, Broup Oce, second round: (Seoul) South Korea and New Zealand level 1-1. Play-off: (Jaicarta) Chura lead Indonesia 2-0. Group Two, second round: (Bangliosk) Tradand lead Hong Kong 2-0. (Peahansur, Paik) Uzbelestan lead Paketan 2-0. (Tokyo) Australia lead Japen 2-0.

LTA REEBOK TOUR EVENT (Notl) Final: Ross Matheson (GB) bt C Walanson (GB) 6-7 6-3 6-3.

Rickard Rydell, of Sweden, and the Volvo team yesterday made the fastest time at Donington Park in the final testing for Monday's opening rounds of the 1996 Auto Trader RAC Touring Car Championship. Official qualifying takes place tomorrow and a record crowd is

place torriorrow and a record crowd is expected on Monday.

AITO TRADER RAC TOURING CAS CHAM-PIONSHP (Domington Park, Derby, Monday) Top testing times: 1 P. Rudel ISsel Voto 850 Irms 37,183ec; 2 F. Beles (Ger Auti, A4, 1:37,186; 3 J. Winkelhock (Ger BMW 320, 1:37,220; 4 W. Hoy (GB) Remain Lagins 1:37,338; 5 A. Bern (15-4) Remain Lagins 1:37,449; 8 R. Paragha (It. BMW 320, 1:37,549; 8 J. Cleand (GB) Vauntal Vertra 1:37,559; 14 P. Racesco GJ, Ford Manca (Lag. 1:39,274; 15 P. Watts (GB) Vauntal Carater 1:39,274; 15 P. Watts (GB) Pengest 406,1:39,279.

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FAMILY CIRCLE CUP (Hilton Head, SC), second round: 1 Majol (Croa) bit A Costzer (SA) 7-6 6-3; 7 Movorna (Cz Rep) bit A Fusa (Fr) 6-2 7-5; S Hack, (Ger) bit M J Fernandez (US) 6-2 6-4; P Begerow (Aut) bit M Pierce (Fr) 1-6

7-5 6-1.

DAVIS CUP, World Group, quarter-finate: (Calcutta) Sweden lead India 2-0 (J Bjorkman (Swe) bt L Paes (nd) 1-6 6-4 5-7 6-3 7-5; T Enquist to M Bhupetin 6-7 7-6 8-1 6-1). (Rome) South Abra lead toly 1-0 (M Ondrusia (SA) bt R Furlan (ft) 6-1 6-4 6-1). (Limages) France lead Germany 1-0 (C Pulme IP) bt 0 Phopsi (Ger) 6-0 6-7 6-4 6-3). (Prague) US lead Cayof Republic (1-0 ff Martor US) st P

Touring cars

Monday's

Scott Sellars talks to Glenn Moore

Hill keeps Williams in front of the pack

Motor racing DAVID TREMAYNE reports from Buenos Aires

Can anyone stop the Williams-Renault steamroller? Apart from the numerous humps on the Parc Almirante Brown circuit for tomorrow's Argentine Grand Prix, that is the underlying concern in Formula One circles following Damon Hill's runaway successes in Australia and Brazil. On current form, Williams are going to have to lose before anyone else can win.

As usual, yesterday's unofficial practice session was a game of bluff, with Damon Hill biding his time and Jacques Vilteneuve learning the circuit, which lies just outside the sprawl of Buenos Aires. Hill was content to follow his own agenda, shrugging off two spins and then setting the fastest time right at the end to displace Michael Schumacher, Jean Alesi and Mika Hakkinen.

The moods in the individual garages are enlightening. Benetton are quietly optimistic that they will have their straight-line speed problem rectified in time for the European Grand Prix at the Nürburgring at the end nf the month. Ferrari are huoved by Schumacher's speed thus far this weekend, but are not kidding themselves. His third place in Brazil owed more to the be the case any crossover point driver than to the car, and he may come too late to prevent was not amused to be lapped by the Didcot team from convert-Hill in the closing stages. Fer- ing their dominance into yet rari are working on a redesign of the car's aerodynamic package: Schumacher's on-the-limit driving has been glorious to

The German is also unhappy about the state of the track. "This morning it was very dirty, which you would expect on the first day," he said. "But the bumps are very, very bad too. This is not



rival. Mika Salo, in a Tyrreli

whose running budget would barely pay McLaren's air fares. The greatest threat to Williams and Benetton may well come from Jordan in races to come, but thus far the British team have struggled to set up their cars for this twisting track. They nevertheless have the stahility of their second season of collaboration with Peugeot and recently welcomed a cash injection from Benson & Hedges, which may finally enable them to expand the established top

four into a top five.

Benetton, Ferrari and Mc-Laren ultimately believe that their cars have greater development potential than the Williams, which is effectively an updated version of the 1995 car. However, even if this proves to more Championship success. 'As I predicted, it's pretty

circuit just requires a good balwatch, but reeks of frustration, ance to go fast and as today proved there are several cars here capable of doing that." ARGENTINE GRAND PRIX (Buenos Aires, very, very bad too. This is not how it should be." At McLaren, Mika Hakkinen's speed has come as a profound relief, particuarly in view of the performance of Hakkinen's Finnish (Gar, Ferani) 1:29.799; s J Aless Ur, how it should be." At McLaren, 1:30.03; 5 M Salo (Fin, Tyreh) 1:30.497; 7 R Bernchelo (Bra, Jorden) 1:30.796; 6 O Coultbard (GB, McLaren) 1:30.890; 10 OPans (Fi, Liger) 1:31.013.





Eight strong favourites: The Cambridge crew complete their training for the 142nd Boat Race yesterday. The Light Blues are seeking a fourth consecutive victory against Oxford today that would extend their overall lead over the Dark Blues. The bookmakers expect them to be successful Preview, page 24; photograph, Robert Hallam

ierts section

ere the way some of our levers performed at Wernbley. This is go to sound awful, but l'almost wished hat one of them would take a swing an he referee or that they would start fig ig among themselves. Anything to st that they were actually interested.

In this week's Monday Interview, Howard Wilkinson, the manager of Leads United, talks to Ken Jones

Football fever

Comprehensive coverage of the weekend gramme, including reports from every Premie match and both Tennents Scottish Cup second

River blues

Hugh Matheson reports on the 142nd Boat Hill and Dair Topolski, Oxford's director of coading gives his Inside verdict

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formed from a breathtaking race for the Premiership and sporting pageant among the the battle to stay in it. gones of a Georgian spring lan Ridley on the

hales, and by then the A gusta National has shed th Peter Corrigan looks golf major of the year in A gusta, while **Andrew Fi** meets the guru behind the European challenge of Co in Montgomene (left) and left

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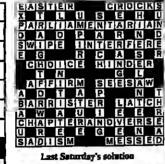
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Pride and passion will fill Maine Road

Anfield, the three-way race for the championship today runs smack into the six-team scramhle to avoid the toxic trauma of relegation. For those who come off worse in the collision, the damage will go deeper than

mere morale. Local honour will be a factor in the Manchester derby at Maine Road, although United - three points clear of Newcastle with a game more played, and five ahead of Liverpool - have found visits to 16th-placed City less than fraught in recent times. Last season Alex Fergu-son's men added a 3-0 romp to

the 5-0 rout at Old Trafford. City, indeed, have not beaten their neighbours since Mel Machin was manager in 1989. The T-shirts which proclaimed "Mel's Marvels 5, Fergie's Wallet 1" have long since turned to tatters. Symbolic, some might say, of their relationship to United, although the signs have been more positive during Alan Ball's reign.

In the meetings this season, one in the Premiership and the more recent one in the FA Cup, United won only 1-0 and 2-I. On the latter occasion, they needed an outrageous penalty award to kick-start them after Georgi Kinkladze had performed the rare feat of outscheming Eric Cantona.

"The gap in the table is very big, but the gap between the teams is getting closer," Ball said. "They'll certainly take us seriously. We won't roll over like we've done before. "None of our fans should be talking about suicide if United

do the double over us. They are

what we want to be. But we're

only just starting. They've got a five-year start over us. Every-thing's in place there." City's best hope may lie in the aerial power of Niall Quinn. Steve Bruce hopes to return for United hut, if he is forced to sit out the match with Gary Pal-

After the intoxicating drama of Phil Shaw previews a weekend where local honour is as crucial as Premiership points

> of height in defence. Mikhail Kavelashvili, Kinkladze's fellow Georgian, is set for a momentous debut but, with Steve Lomas suspended and Garry Flitcroft sold, City may find it hard to win enough of the ball to supply their strikers.

As Ball is fond of pointing out, his Southampton side lost all three Easter matches two years ago, yet stayed up. His comments found an echo this week from Ron Atkinson. Coventry, bottom but one, receive Liverpool before going to United on Monday, but their manager asserted: "There's no rule that says we can't take 18 points from the last six games."

Indeed not, except that Coventry have so far managed only five wins out of 32. History, in the shape of 4-0 and 5-1 victories over Liverpool in 1983 and '92 respectively, shows what can be done. More pertinently, they won at Antield soon after Atkinson's arrival last year, and also drew there in the autumn. Ouecn's Park Rangers, one

place above Coventry, may be unsure what to expect at Newcastic. Will it be a backlash - or has the manner of their defeat at Liverpool drained Kevin Keegan's team of their self-be-

lister, the leaders will be short Ball: They'll take us seriously

Villa's Ugo Ehiogu has an incentive to excel in the game between the beaten FA Cup semi-finalists at Chelsea, which may otherwise have an end-ofseason flavour. In the absence of Howey, Pallister, Tony Adams and Gareth Southgate, the uncapped 23-year-old is the only one of Terry Venahles' England centre-hacks currently in action,

The Endsleigh League champions-elect, Sunderland, must improve on a record of one win in eight visits to Barnsley to keep Derby and Crystal Palace at bay. Most First Division matches have some bearing on promotion and relegation, with some clubs, notably Birmingham, unsure which they are involved in.

lief? Darren Peacock deputis-

es for the injured Steve Howey,

although the player most like-

ly to push OPR towards the

drop is another of their old boys,

It is also reunion day at

Southampton, where Black-

hurn hope to have Alan Shearer fit to join Tim Flowers against his previous club. After

six defeats in seven games,

what better time for that fallen

Saint, Matthew Le Tissier to

play like an angel once more? It may stiffen Southampton's re-

solve to learn that Aston Villa's

press adverts for Monday carry the insensitive selling point: "Saints on the hrink!"

Les Ferdinand

Six of the Second Division's top seven meet while, in the Third, Gillingham's disappointment at seeing Preston open up a five-point lead could be assuaged by the news that a place in the record books could still be theirs. They have leaked just 18 goals - Port Vale set the landmark for the lower divisions with 21 in 1953/54 - and today tackle Hartlepool, who have not scored on their last six visits



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